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To the Reader

Have you ever come across footnotes in the Old Testament that say, “*Hebrew obscure*” or “*Hebrew uncertain*”? This is not due to any lack of content or clarity in the original text, but rather to the fact that most modern Hebrew scholars simply do not know the precise meaning of many of the original idioms with any degree of certainty. For hundreds of years, Hebrew was studied as a “dead” language (a language that was not spoken in everyday life). The difference between studying a “living” versus a “dead” language could be compared to the difference between studying fossils or museum exhibits of long-extinct animals, versus studying living examples of the same species.

A number of years ago, I was given a copy of an old Spanish Bible translated in the heat and fervor of the Reformation (which was brutally put down in Spain by the Inquisition), during a time when it was common practice to burn Bibles along with their owners. I immediately began to notice a depth and clarity to this translation that brought forth a clear witness of the Spirit of God, as to the meanings of many seemingly unfathomable passages (mainly in the Psalms, Proverbs, and Prophets) that had intrigued me for years. For these reasons, I began to investigate the unique circumstances of this Spanish translation by Casiodoro de Reina, published in 1569.

Casiodoro de Reina was born in 1520. He learned Hebrew in Spain as a young man, apparently from Jews who still spoke Hebrew as a “living” language. The Jews had been officially expelled from Spain in 1492, but it is estimated that only one-fourth of them left at that time (some of those who remained did their best to blend in with the Christians). Eventually, the Spanish Inquisition made it impossible for any Jewish people who spoke their own language to survive in Spain. Almost every Hebrew scholar since Casiodoro de Reina has had to learn Hebrew as a “dead” language, which was no longer spoken until the modern-day, ongoing resurrection of the Hebrew language, in Israel.

Casiodoro began a translation of the Old Testament from Hebrew to Spanish and was forced to flee from Spain in 1551. Several Jewish translations of the Old Testament were published in Spanish around this same time (such as the *Biblia de Ferrara* of 1553), to which Casiodoro had access. He also built on a translation of the Psalms that was published by his friend, Juan Pérez de Pineda, in 1557. He moved on to Geneva and was there until the government of Geneva, under John Calvin, burned Miguel Servet at the stake over differences on points of doctrine. Casiodoro had some strong words to say regarding this. He said that Geneva had become a “new Rome,” and so he left for England. The Queen of England (Elizabeth I) allowed Casiodoro to preach to Spanish speakers in the Church of St. Mary Axe, and gave him a monthly income. Casiodoro continued his Bible translation until the Inquisition found out about it and sent agents from Spain, who brought false charges against him and undermined his support from the Queen.

Casiodoro then fled to Germany, just in time to witness a war between Lutherans and Catholics. He had some words with the Lutherans regarding this, and then went on into the Low Countries. There he was given a place to preach in a Congregational Church where he spent quite a bit of time in conflict with the Consistory (the minutes of those meetings still exist). Casiodoro seemed to always maintain an open mind to truth and refused to go along with any given school of doctrine or

thought, believing that everyone must be responsible before God for their own conscience. After more than twenty years of working on his translation while fleeing with his wife and children — always staying just one jump ahead of the Inquisition (which was always sending agents to attempt to kill or hinder him) — his Bible was finally printed. The Inquisition set up a ring of *retenes*, or checkpoints, all along the borders, and for many years carefully searched every person and/or cargo that entered Spain, making an all-out effort to not let even one single Bible into the country. They searched for Bibles with the same intensity that our modern countries search passengers for weapons and drugs! Casiodoro was last heard of at age 70, still one jump ahead of the Inquisition, and it is not known for sure whether they got him in the end or not.

Casiodoro de Reina, although the younger, was a contemporary with William Tyndale. I have noticed many similarities between the Scripture translations of both these men (William Tyndale in English and Casiodoro de Reina in Spanish). Studying these two Bibles (they basically agree, yet each brings out unique facets of truth from a slightly different perspective) has been the equivalent of getting the truth of the Scriptures of the Reformation, in stereo. The power and clarity of their translations has a much sharper edge than the work that was done in either language, even a generation later, when the intense heat of the Reformation had died down and Bible translation had to be officially approved by ecclesiastic and/or secular governments.

It is recognized that the Authorized Version (by King James) in English is basically a revision of Tyndale's work (in many key passages the wording of the AV is ninety percent or more Tyndale's), with the exception of the last half of the Old Testament (from Ezra to Malachi). This portion of Tyndale's work is believed to have been lost at sea in a shipwreck (only the book of Jonah survived). Unfortunately, William Tyndale was burned at the stake before he could redo the books that were lost. This disaster has, in my opinion, placed these particular books (Ezra through Malachi) of our English AV Bibles on a foundation less than equal, in terms of clarity and consistency of translation, with the rest of the AV, which draws so extensively from the work of Tyndale.

When we edited a recent edition of the Spanish Bible (*Las Sagradas Escrituras Version Antigua*, or *Biblia del Jubileo*), based on the original text of Casiodoro de Reina, I checked much of it against the work of William Tyndale and against the Authorized Version. This strengthened the Spanish Bible in many areas and tended to confirm the opinion that I gave in the preceding paragraph. Then, I decided to diligently compare and align the work of Casiodoro de Reina with the books of the Authorized Version, which did not receive the heritage of William Tyndale. The first fruit of that endeavor was a rendition of Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, which we decided to publish ahead of the first edition of the Jubilee Bible.

Over the years, there have been many revisions of the Authorized Version. Some of these, under the guise of modernizing the language, have watered down the message and introduced errors proceeding from deviant manuscripts, from doctrines of men, and from over-simplification of the English language. The same is true regarding the Spanish Bible, so instead of revising "forward" towards modernism and employing modern scholarship, textual criticism, and the like, it has been our intention to revise "back," and return as close as possible to the roots of the pure message and pure language. I believe we are at a place where brilliant scholarship and linguistics, alone, cannot discern between all the possible variations of meaning, nor among what are all being presented as ancient and worthy manuscripts in the original languages. Efforts based solely on man's wisdom will never suffice — we must have the witness of the Holy Spirit. I have chosen to go with the Hebrew scholarship of Reformers such as William Tyndale and Casiodoro de Reina, whose translations of the Received Text (*Textus Receptus*) shined the light of the truth into the spiritual darkness of their day and changed the church and the world for the better, rather than to rely on the modern scholarship

which has a penchant for removing the fear of the Lord from among the people of God in this Laodicean hour.

Let us allow the Spirit of Truth to have the last word regarding this matter. We must always bear in mind that even if we were to all learn Hebrew to perfection and could obtain a flawless manuscript of the original text, there would still be a humanly insurmountable language barrier between us and the truth, which can only be bridged by the Spirit of God.

— Russell M. Stendal (Editor)

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. (Psalm 36:9)

About the Translation

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Translated from the Original Texts in Hebrew and Greek into Spanish by Casiodoro de Reina (1569) and compared with the revision of Cipriano de Valera (1602).

Based on the New Testament of Francisco de Enzinas (1543) and on the New Testament (1556) with the Psalms (1557) of Juan Pérez de Pineda.

This material was translated from Spanish into English by Russell M. Stendal and compared with the Old English Translation of William Tyndale (Pentateuch of 1530, Ploughboy Edition New Testament of 1534, Joshua to 2 Chronicles of 1537, and Jonah). It was also compared word for word with the Authorized Version (by King James) of 1611.

The word of our God shall stand for ever. (Isaiah 40:8)

Why this Version?

The Jubilee Bible (JUB) stands apart from most other English versions in print since the beginning of the last century. The usage and context tend to define each key word so you do not have to blindly rely on theological dictionaries or reference materials that may wittingly or unwittingly include any type of prejudice or bias.

Careful attention in properly and consistently translating each key word, through the first usage and on through to the last occurrence, was made to avoid the use of synonyms. Then, as the word makes its way across the Old Testament and you make the correct match with the corresponding Greek word in the New Testament, an amazing pattern emerges.

The Jubilee Bible is the only translation we know of that has made a serious attempt to mate each unique Hebrew word (and subsequently its Greek equivalent) with a unique English word (using the common English of William Tyndale and the extraordinary Hebrew scholarship of Casiodoro de Reina of the early Reformation) so that the use (and number of occurrences of each key word) sets forth the idea of what God means by each word as defined by the actual context in Scripture.

Translator's Notes

Belial — Satan; the Evil One.

Charity — The original translators used this term to differentiate *God's love* {Gr. ágape} from man's love {Gr. phileos}. *God's love* is born of sacrifice (not of human emotion), and is redemptive by nature. God the Father gave us his only Son, Jesus — in turn, Jesus gave his life for us. Only God can put this type of redemptive love within us; we are not capable of this on our own (see 1 Corinthians Chapter 13).

Chasten — The primary meaning is to *refine* or to *purify*, and comes from the root word, *chaste*.

Congregation — In the Old Testament, "congregation" is *not* italicized, and is inclusive of all of God's people, *Israel*. In the New Testament, "congregation" is italicized to translate the Greek word, "ekklesia", which literally means *called out ones*. This applies to, and includes, individuals, small or large groups, and even the *universal body of Christ*.

Earth and **Land** — Both are the same word in the original language. Spiritually, this has to do with the entire People of God (Israel and the Church).

Eternal — The primary meaning denotes a *change in quality* (like a change of state). The secondary meaning denotes *unlimited time* as the result of coming into another realm (God's realm). Therefore, *eternal life* is not life in the human quality that we inherited from Adam, going on forever; rather, it is a new quality of life in Jesus Christ, which may begin now for those who are born again by the Spirit of God.

Fools — Those who are governed by carnal thoughts and desires. This is folly in God's eyes.

Halelu — "Praise ye".

Jubilee — The primary meaning is *freedom; liberty*. The secondary meaning is the *joy of being set free*.

Life and **Soul** — Both are the same word in the original language. They are translated either one way or the other, according to context.

Right Hand — Authority (power; strength).

Selah — "Stop and think about it". "Meditate on this".

Shadow — Spiritually, this has the connotation of *covering* and *protection*.

Sheol {Heb.} **Hades** {Gr.} — This is the empire of the first death, under the power of Satan, which imprisoned even the justified souls until the redemptive work of Jesus, and continues to retain every unjustified soul as they await final judgment. This is different from the *lake of fire* or *Gehena* (Hell), of the final judgment, which is the second death (See Luke 16:20-31; Ephesians 4:8; Revelation 20:14).

Shofar — A special ram's horn trumpet, blown on the Day of Atonement to announce the year of Jubilee, and on other particular occasions, including battle and for warning.

Spirit and **Wind** and **Breath** — All three are the same word in the original language. Translated according to context.

Unicorn — Meaning, *one horn*. In the old Spanish this is the Rhinoceros.

Usage of Italics — In the Scripture text, italicized words were added by the translator for either proper English or for clarification.

Usage of Certain Pronouns —

Thee, Thou, Thy: always singular in meaning. **Note:** serious doctrinal error can result from the consequences of changing *Thee, Thou, or Thy* to *You* or *Your* (*you* and *your* can be ambiguous regarding singularity). This can cause scriptural promises or directives addressed to the individual to be mistakenly applied to a corporate group. Modern English is ambiguous in this regard and lacks the precision necessary to accurately render the true meaning of the original.

Ye: always plural in meaning and denoting a corporate or plural situation. **Note:** serious doctrinal error can result from the consequences of changing *ye* to *you* and then indiscriminately applying scriptural promises or directives that apply corporately to the People of God to a given individual. Modern English has lost this important distinction.

Editor's Notes

Of the original edition of Casiodoro de Reina, we only know of a handful of copies that survived the fire of the Spanish Inquisition. Many Bibles were burned together with their owners. William Tyndale was killed because he translated, published, and distributed the Word of God. But when the devil knew that he could not stop subsequent editions of the Holy Scriptures, the devil was obligated to change his tactics. Taking advantage of the good intentions of many to actualize, modernize, and simplify the Bible, the enemy was able to plant his tares, partially dim the light and truth of the Word of God, and little by little dull the sword of the Christian.

It is our intention to actualize orthography and grammar only to the extent that we are confident that the original full range of meaning can be preserved; that we may deliver to you a translation that contains all the force and anointing that was poured out in the sixteenth century, over men like Francisco de Encinas, Juan Pérez de Pineda, Casiodoro de Reina, Cipriano de Valera and William Tyndale — men who were chosen by God to be translators of the Bible.

Keeping to the tradition of these reformers, we have continued to take great care to ensure that key terminology is translated in a uniform manner, and to footnote exceptions. These features also make this an outstanding Bible to study by computer or eReader. The first usage, last usage, and development of each key term, has been carefully checked (the number of overall instances and number of verses in which a given term is used have been carefully tabulated and tracked to insure separation of terminology and to eliminate the use of synonyms wherever possible, within the limits of the English language). This means that when you search for, or print, a list of all the occurrences of a given term or phrase and study these verse lists, the Jubilee Bible then defines itself, and the exact value that God has placed on each key term can be established beyond the shadow of a doubt, without the need to look up the meanings of the words in a dictionary or commentary that may have been tainted by human endeavor (which in some cases could also be slanted according to the doctrine or school of thought of those who compiled the material).

We have also made the effort to preserve the emphasis of the original translators in our use of capitalization and with words in *italics*, and/or in [brackets]. Italics are used when the translator considered the word to be necessary in order to complete a proper translation of the thought or phrase, yet the word did not appear in the manuscript of the original language. Words enclosed in square brackets [] are explanations amplified by the translator to avoid misunderstandings. The punctuation and orthography have the principal purpose of preserving the meaning, flow and unity of the original manuscripts, and therefore do not always follow the norm of modern English.

The *Name of God* appears in the Hebrew manuscripts of the Holy Scriptures with four consonants (without vowels) **YHWH** or **JHVH** and translates literally into English as, **I AM** (according to Exodus 3:14). This is expressed in like manner in Greek, in various New Testament texts (see Matthew 14:27; Mark 14:62; Luke 22:70; John 4:26; 6:35, 41; 8:18, 24, 28, 58; 11:25; 18:5-8; Revelation 1:8, 11, 17; 2:23; 21:6; 22:13, 16). The ancients considered the *Name of God* to be too sacred to pronounce, and so they read “**Adonai**” or **Lord** each time that they encountered the four consonants of the *tetragrammaton*. This tradition was followed by our Lord Jesus, and by the

apostles, in more than three hundred instances when they were quoting the Scriptures of the Old Testament. Within the Jubilee Bible, for the most part, we have continued in the tradition of our Lord, regarding the *Name of God* (**YHWH**) in the Old Testament. If the original read **YHWH**, the translation reads **LORD**. If the original read **Adonai**, the translation reads **Lord**. If the original read **Adonai YHWH**, the translation reads **Lord GOD**. In a few instances (such as Exodus 3:14), the *tetragrammaton* is translated as **I AM**.

The First Book of Moses Commonly Called

Genesis

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

Genesis 1

1 ¶ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 And the earth was without order, and empty; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 ¶ And God said, Let there be light, and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light *was* good, and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 ¶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made a firmament and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heavens. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 ¶ And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear; and it was so.

10 And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters he called Seas; and God saw that *it was* good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth green grass, herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after its nature, whose seed *is* in itself upon the earth; and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth green grass *and* herb yielding seed after its kind and the tree yielding fruit whose seed *was* in itself, according to its nature; and God saw that *it was* good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 ¶ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for appointed times and for days and years;

15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth; and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; *he made* the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth

18 and to rule over the day and over the night and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that *it was* good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 ¶ And God said, Let the waters bring forth great quantities of creatures with living souls and fowl *that* may fly above the earth upon the face of the firmament of the heavens.

21 And God created the great dragons and every living soul that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly after their nature, and every winged fowl after its nature; and God saw that *it was* good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living soul after its nature, beasts and serpents and animals of the earth after its nature; and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after its kind and cattle after their kind and every thing that moves upon the earth after its kind; and God saw that *it was* good.

26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over the beasts and over all the earth and over every serpent that moves upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over every beast that moves upon the earth.

29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every grass bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food.

30 And to every beast of the earth and to every fowl of the air and to every thing that moves upon the earth, in which *there is a* living soul, *I have given* all green grass for food; and it was so.

31 ¶ And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2

1 ¶ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had made, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because in it he had rested from all his work which God created in perfection.

4 ¶ These *are* the origins of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens

5 and every plant of the field before it was in the earth and all the grass of the field before it grew, for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and neither *was there* a man to till the ground.

6 But there went up a mist from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

8 ¶ And the LORD God had planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is desirable to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it was divided into four heads.

11 The name of the first *is* Pison; that *is* it which compasses the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold;

12 and the gold of that land *is* good; there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river *is* Gihon; this *is* the same that compasses the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel; this *is* that which goes toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

15 And the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 ¶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou may freely eat;

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou dost eat of it thou shalt surely die.

18 ¶ And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living soul, that *was* its name.

20 And the man gave names to every beast, and *to the* fowl of the heavens, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a help meet for him.

21 ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his sides and closed up the flesh in its place;

22 and the LORD God built *that* which he had taken from the side of the man into a woman and brought her unto the man.

23 And the man said, This *is* now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3

1 ¶ Now the serpent was more astute than all the animals of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Has God indeed said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman answered unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden;

3 but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, Ye shall not eat of it; neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 Then the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God knows that in the day ye eat of it then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 ¶ And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* desirable to the eyes, and a tree of covetousness to understand, she took of its fruit and ate and gave also unto her husband with her; and he ate.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves girdles.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 ¶ And the LORD God called unto the man and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

10 And he replied, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

11 ¶ And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee not to eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.

13 Then the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I ate.

14 ¶ And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all beasts and above every animal of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life;

15 and I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; that *seed* shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 ¶ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth sons; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 ¶ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it, cursed *shall be* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

18 thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the grass of the field;

19 in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread until thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken, for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20 ¶ And the man called his wife's name Eve because she was the mother of all living.

21 ¶ Then the LORD God made coats of skins for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

22 ¶ And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat and live for ever,

23 therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life.

Genesis 4

1 ¶ And the man knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain and said, I have gained a man by the LORD.

2 And she again bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a pastor of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 ¶ And in process of time it came to pass that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground a present unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD looked upon Abel and his present,

5 but he did not look upon Cain and his present. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest good, it shall certainly be accepted; and if thou doest not good, sin lies at the door. And his desire shall be unto thee, but thou must rule over him.

8 ¶ And Cain talked with Abel his brother, and it came to pass when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him.

9 ¶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not, *Am* I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood cries unto me from the ground.

11 And now thou *art* cursed from the earth, which has opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 when thou tillest the ground, from now on it shall not yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 ¶ And Cain said unto the LORD, My iniquity *is* greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I hide; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass *that* anyone that finds me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whoever slays Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest

any finding him should kill him.

16 ¶ And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch; and he built a city and called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch.

18 And unto Enoch was born Irad, and Irad begat Mehujael, and Mehujael begat Methusael, and Methusael begat Lamech.

19 ¶ And Lamech took unto him two wives; the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20 And Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and *of those who have cattle*.

21 And his brother's name *was* Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the harp and organ.

22 And Zillah also bore Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron; and the sister of Tubalcain *was* Naamah.

23 ¶ And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech, for I shall slay a man for my wound and a young man for my hurt;

24 if Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy times seven.

25 ¶ And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth; for God, *said she*, has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos. Then men began to call upon the name of the LORD.

Genesis 5

1 ¶ This *is* the book of the descendants of Adam. In the day that God created man, he made him in the likeness of God;

2 male and female created he them and blessed them and called their name Man, in the day when they were created.

3 And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image, and called his name Seth:

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years, and he begat sons and daughters;

5 and all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

6 ¶ And Seth lived one hundred and five years and begat Enos.

7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years and begat sons and daughters;

8 and all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

9 And Enos lived ninety years and begat Cainan,

10 and Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years and begat sons and daughters;

11 and all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

12 And Cainan lived seventy years and begat Mahalaleel;

13 and Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years and begat sons and daughters;

14 and all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty-five years and begat Jared;

16 and Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years and begat sons and daughters;

17 and all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety-five years and he died.

18 And Jared lived one hundred sixty-two years and he begat Enoch;

19 and Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years and begat sons and daughters;

20 and all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty-two years, and he died.

21 ¶ And Enoch lived sixty-five years and begat Methuselah;

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years and begat sons and daughters;

23 and all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years.

24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

25 ¶ And Methuselah lived one hundred eighty-seven years, and begat Lamech;

26 and Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty-two years and begat sons and daughters;

27 and all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty-nine years, and he died.

28 ¶ And Lamech lived one hundred eighty-two years and begat a son;

29 and he called his name Noah, saying, This *same* shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands because of the ground which the LORD has cursed.

30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety-five years and begat sons and daughters;

31 and all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy-seven years, and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred years old; and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 6

1 ¶ And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born unto them,

2 that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men *were* fair, and they took *for* themselves wives of all whom they chose.

3 ¶ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for certainly he *is* flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.

4 ¶ There were giants in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore *sons* to them, the same *became* mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

6 ¶ And the LORD repented of having made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast and the animals and the fowls of the air; for I repent of having made them.

8 ¶ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 These *are* the generations of Noah. Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 ¶ The earth corrupted itself before God, and the earth filled itself with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.

13 ¶ And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark of cedar trees; rooms shalt thou make in the ark and shalt reconcile it within and without covering it over with pitch. { Heb. ransom or atonement }

15 And this *is the fashion of* which thou shalt make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, in which *is* the spirit of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee I will establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou and thy sons and thy wife and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind and of beasts after their kind, of every animal of the earth after its kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee and for them.

22 ¶ Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Genesis 7

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Noah, Enter thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

2 Of every clean animal thou shalt take to thee seven pairs, the male and his female; but of animals that *are* not clean, two, the male and his female.

3 Of fowls also of the heavens by seven pairs, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4 For yet *in* seven days, I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every substance that I have made I will destroy from off the face of the earth.

5 ¶ And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

6 And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7 And Noah went in and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean animals and of animals that *are* not clean and of fowls and of every thing that moves upon the earth,

9 there went in two by two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

10 And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

11 ¶ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of the heavens were opened.

12 And there was rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 ¶ In that same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered into the ark,

14 they and every animal after its kind and all the beasts after their kind and every creeping thing that moves upon the earth after its kind and every fowl after its kind, every bird, every thing with wings.

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two by two of all flesh in which *is* the spirit of life.

16 And those that went in went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him, and the LORD shut him in.

17 ¶ And the flood was forty days upon the earth, and the waters multiplied and bore up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed and multiplied greatly upon the earth, and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth, and all the high mountains that *were* under all the heavens were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail, and the mountains were covered.

21 ¶ And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl and of beasts and of animals and of every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth and every man;

22 all in whose nostrils *was* the breath of the spirit of life of all that *was* in the dry *land* died.

23 And every substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man and cattle and the animals and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth, and only Noah remained *alive* and those that *were* with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8

1 ¶ And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark; and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters ceased;

2 the fountains also of the deep and the windows of the heavens were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

3 and the waters turned back and forth upon the earth, and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

4 ¶ And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month; in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

6 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of forty days that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made,

7 and he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground,

9 but the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were still* upon the face of the whole earth. Then he put forth his hand and took her and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

10 And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark,

11 and the dove came in to him in the evening, and, behold, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf plucked off, so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days and sent forth the dove, which returned not again unto him any more.

13 ¶ And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year of Noah, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the

earth, and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

15 ¶ And God spoke unto Noah, saying,

16 Go forth from the ark, thou and thy wife and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every animal that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl and of beasts and of every creeping thing that moves upon the earth, that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18 And Noah went forth and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him;

19 all the animals, every creature and every fowl *and* whatever moves upon the earth after their kinds went forth out of the ark.

20 ¶ And Noah built an altar unto the LORD and took of every clean animal and of every clean fowl and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled a savour of rest, and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake, for the intent of man's heart *is* evil from his childhood; neither will I again smite any more every living thing as I have done.

22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 9

1 ¶ And God blessed Noah and his sons and said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every animal of the earth and upon every fowl of the heavens, upon all that moves *upon* the earth and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand they are delivered.

3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; even as the green grass I have given you all things.

4 But flesh with the soul (*or life*) thereof, *which is* its blood, ye shall not eat.

5 For surely your blood *which is* your souls I will require; at the hand of every animal I will require it and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother I will require the soul (*or life*) of man.

6 Whoever sheds man's blood in man, his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God is man made.

7 And you, be ye fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply therein.

8 ¶ And God spoke unto Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

9 Behold that I establish my covenant with you and with your seed after you

10 and with every living soul that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the animals, and of every beast of the earth with you, from all that go out of the ark to every animal of the earth,

11 that I will establish my covenant with you, that all flesh shall not be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 ¶ And God said, This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living soul that *is* with you, for perpetual ages:

13 I set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass when I bring clouds over the earth, that the bow shall appear in the clouds;

15 and I will remember my covenant, *which is* between me and you and every living soul of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood

to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the clouds, and I will look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living soul of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This *shall be* the sign of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

18 ¶ And the sons of Noah, that went forth from the ark, were Shem, Ham, and Japheth; and Ham *is* the father of Canaan.

19 These *are* the three sons of Noah; and of them was the whole earth overspread.

20 And Noah began to till the ground, and he planted a vineyard;

21 and he drank of the wine and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brethren outside.

23 Then Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid *it* upon both their shoulders and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 ¶ And Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan; a slave of slaves shall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his slave.

27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his slave.

28 ¶ And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

Genesis 10

1 ¶ Now these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth; and unto them were born sons after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah.

4 And the sons of Javan: Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim.

5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands, each one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

6 ¶ And the sons of Ham: Cush and Mizraim and Phut and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush: Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabtechah. And the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.

8 And Cush begat Nimrod. He began to be powerful in the earth.

9 He was a powerful hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, Even as Nimrod, the powerful hunter before the LORD.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh in the land of Shinar.

11 Out of that land went forth Asshur, who built Nineveh and the city Rehoboth and Calah

12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; the same *is* a great city.

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim

14 and Pathrusim and Casluhim (out of whom came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.

15 ¶ And Canaan begat Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth

16 and Jebusite and Amorite and Girgasite

17 and Hivite and Arkite and Sinite

18 and Arvadite and Zemarite and Hamathite; and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar unto Gaza, as thou goest, unto Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

20 These *are* the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, *and* in their nations.

21 ¶ Unto Shem also, the father of all the sons of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, even to him were *sons* born.

22 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram.

23 And the sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.

24 And Arphaxad begat Salah, and Salah begat Eber.

25 And unto Eber were born two sons; the name of one *was* Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan.

26 And Joktan begat Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba,

29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these *were* the sons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha as thou goest unto Sephar, mount of the east.

31 These *are* the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

32 These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their descendants, in their nations; and by these were the Gentiles divided in the earth after the flood.

Genesis 11

1 ¶ And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech.

2 And it came to pass as they journeyed from the east that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick instead of stone and slime instead of mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 ¶ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of the man built.

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people *are* one, and they all have one language; and they begin to do this, and now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do.

7 Now, let us go down and there confound their language that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth, and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore the name of it was called Babel because there the LORD confounded the language of all the earth, and from there the LORD scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 ¶ These *are* the generations of Shem: Shem *was* one hundred years old and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:

11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Arphaxad lived thirty-five years and begat Salah;

13 and Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years and begat sons and daughters.

14 And Salah lived thirty years and begat Eber;

15 and Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years and begat sons and daughters.

16 And Eber lived thirty-four years and begat Peleg;

17 and Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years and begat Reu;

19 and Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years and begat sons and daughters.

20 And Reu lived thirty-two years and begat Serug;

21 and Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years and begat sons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived thirty years and begat Nahor;

23 and Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years and begat sons and daughters.

24 And Nahor lived twenty-nine years and begat Terah;

25 and Nahor lived after he begat Terah one hundred and nineteen years and begat sons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived seventy years and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 ¶ Now these *are* the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nature, in Ur of the Chaldees.

29 And Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves; the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah.

30 But Sarai was barren; she *had* no child.

31 And Terah took Abram, his son, and Lot, the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai, his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran and dwelt there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis 12

1 ¶ But the LORD had said unto Abram, Depart out of thy country and from thy nature and from thy father's house unto a land that I will show thee;

2 and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.

3 And I will bless those that bless thee and curse those that curse thee, and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 ¶ So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him, and Lot went with him, and Abram *was* seventy-five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai, his wife, and Lot, his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

6 ¶ And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the land.

7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land, and there he built an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

8 And he went from there unto a mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, *having* Bethel on the west and Hai on the east; and there he built an altar unto the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the Negev (*south desert*).

10 ¶ And there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine *was* grievous in the land.

11 And it came to pass when he was come near to enter into Egypt that he said unto Sarai, his wife, Behold now, I know that thou *art* a fair woman to look upon;

12 therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee that they shall say, This *is* his wife, and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

13 Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my sister, that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

14 ¶ And it came to pass that when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she *was* very fair.

15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh, and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

16 And he treated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep and oxen and he asses and menslaves and maidslaves and she asses and camels.

17 But the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What *is* this *that* thou hast done unto me? Why didst thou not tell me that she *was* thy wife?

19 Why didst thou say, She *is* my sister? I might have taken her to me to wife; now, therefore, behold thy wife, take *her*, and go away.

20 Then Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him; and they sent him away and his wife with all that he had.

Genesis 13

1 ¶ Thus Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had and Lot with him into the Negev.

2 And Abram *was* very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3 And he retraced his journeys from *the side of* the Negev even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai,

4 unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

5 ¶ And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents.

6 And the land was not able to bear them that they might dwell together, for their substance was so great that they could not dwell together.

7 And there was a strife between the pastors of Abram's cattle and the pastors of Lot's cattle; and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelt then in the land.

8 Then Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee and between my pastors and thine, for we *are* brethren.

9 *Is* not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me; if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 ¶ And Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld all the plain of the Jordan that it *was* well watered everywhere, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, *even as a* garden of the LORD like the land of Egypt as thou comest unto Zoar.

11 Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed east; and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched *his* tents toward Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom *were* wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Abram, after Lot separated himself from him, Lift up now thine eyes and look from the place where thou art towards the

Aquilon {the land of the north wind} and to the Negev {the south desert}
and to the east and to the west;

15 for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed for
ever.

16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth, so that if someone
could number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it, for
I must give it unto thee.

18 Then Abram removed *his* tent and came and dwelt among the terebinth
{or mighty} trees of Mamre, which *is* in Hebron, and built there an altar
unto the LORD.

Genesis 14

1 ¶ And it came to pass in *those days that* Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of the Gentiles
2 made war against Bera king of Sodom and against Birsha king of Gomorrah and against Shinab king of Admah and against Shemeber king of Zeboiim and *against* the king of Bela, which is Zoar.

3 All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.

4 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that *were* with him came and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim and the Zuzims in Ham and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim

6 and the Horites in their Mount Seir unto the plain of Paran, which *is* by the wilderness.

7 And they returned and came to Enmishpat, which *is* Kadesh, and smote all the works of the Amalekites and also the Amorites that dwelt in Hazezontamar.

8 And the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah and the king of Admah and the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (the same *is* Zoar) went out, and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim,

9 that is, against Chedorlaomer the king of Elam and Tidal king of the Gentiles and Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar: four kings against five.

10 And the vale of Siddim *was full of* slimepits, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled and fell there; and those that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their provisions and went away.

12 And they also took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods and departed.

13 ¶ And one came that had escaped and told Abram *the* Hebrew, who dwelt among the terebinth trees of Mamre *the* Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner; and these *were* confederate with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his tried and experienced *servants*, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dan.

15 And he and his slaves poured themselves out against them by night and smote them and pursued them unto Hobah, which *is* on the left hand of Damascus.

16 And he recovered all the goods and also brought again his brother Lot and his goods and the women also and the people.

17 ¶ And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and of the kings that *were* with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which *is* the valley of the king.

18 Then Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought forth bread and wine, for he *was* the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of the heavens and of the earth;

20 and blessed be the most high God, who has delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And *Abram* gave him tithes of all.

21 ¶ Then the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons and take the goods to thyself.

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of the heavens and of the earth,

23 that I will not *take* from a thread even to a shoelatchet; I will not take any thing that *is* thine, lest thou should say, I have made Abram rich,

24 except only that which the young men have eaten and the portion of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre, who shall take their portion.

Genesis 15

1 ¶ After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram; I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward.

2 ¶ And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus?

3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed; and, behold, one born in my house is my heir.

4 And then the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thy heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thy heir.

5 And he brought him forth abroad and said, Look now toward the heavens and count the stars, if thou art able to number them. And he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7 ¶ And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me a heifer three years old and a she goat three years old and a ram three years old and a turtledove and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these and divided them in the midst and laid each piece one against another, but he did not divide the birds.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 ¶ And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, behold, a horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 Then he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs and shall serve them, and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 and also that nation, whom they shall serve, I will judge; and afterward shall they come out with great riches.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come here again; for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet full.

17 ¶ And it came to pass that when the sun went down and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed shall I give this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

19 the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite

20 and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim

21 and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite.

Genesis 16

1 ¶ Now Sarai Abram's wife bore him no children; and she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing; I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar, her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

4 ¶ And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5 Then Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee; I have given my maid into thy bosom, and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes; the LORD judge between me and thee.

6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleases thee. Then Sarai afflicted her, and *she* fled from her face.

7 ¶ And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, where didst thou come from and where wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and humble thyself under her hands.

10 ¶ And the angel of the LORD *also* said unto her, I will multiply thy seed so exceedingly that it shall not be numbered for the multitude.

11 And the angel of the LORD *yet* said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child and shalt bear a son and shalt call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has heard thy affliction.

12 And he will be a wild man; his hand *will* be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

13 And she called the name of the LORD that spoke unto her, Thou God that is seen: for she said, Have I not also here seen the back of him that sees me?

14 Therefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; {well of the living one who sees me} behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

15 ¶ And Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bore, Ishmael.

16 And Abram *was* eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

Genesis 17

1 ¶ And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me and be thou perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

4 ¶ Behold my covenant with thee: Thou shalt be a father of many Gentiles.

5 Neither shall thy name any longer be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many Gentiles have I made thee.

6 And I will multiply thee exceeding, and I will make Gentiles of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

7 ¶ And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee.

8 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee, the land in which thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting inheritance; and I will be their God.

9 And God said *again* unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou and thy seed after thee in their generations.

10 This *shall be* my covenant, which ye shall keep between me and you and thy seed after thee: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a token of the covenant between me and you.

12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male in your generations, he that is born in the house or bought with money of any stranger, who *is* not of thy seed.

13 He that is born in thy house and he that is bought with thy money must needs be circumcised; and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 And the uncircumcised male whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has annulled

my covenant.

15 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

16 And I will bless her and give thee a son also of her; yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of Gentiles; kings of peoples shall be of her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face and laughed and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him who is one hundred years old? and shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed, and thou shalt call his name Isaac (*laughter*); and I will confirm my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant *and* with his seed after him.

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I shall bless him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly; he shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

21 But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23 ¶ Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all the *servants* born in his house and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in that same day as God had said unto him.

24 And Abraham *was* ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 In that same day Abraham was circumcised and Ishmael his son.

27 And all the men of his house, born in the house and bought with money from strangers, were circumcised with him.

Genesis 18

1 ¶ And the LORD appeared unto him among the terebinth trees of Mamre; and he was sitting in the door of his tent in the heat of the day;

2 and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, three men stood by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door and bowed himself toward the ground

3 and said, My Lord, if now I have found grace in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy slave.

4 Let a little water, I pray you, be brought and wash your feet and rest yourselves under a tree;

5 and I will bring a morsel of bread and comfort your hearts; after that ye shall pass on because for this ye are come to your slave. And they said, So do as thou hast said.

6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make bread baked under the ashes.

7 And Abraham ran unto the herd and brought a calf tender and good and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hastened to dress it.

8 And he took butter and milk and the calf which he had dressed and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they ate.

9 ¶ And they said unto him, Where *is* Sarah thy wife? And he said, Here, in the tent.

10 Then he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, behold, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard *it* in the tent door, which *was* behind him.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah *were* old *and* well stricken in age, *and* it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

13 Then the LORD said unto Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child when I am old?

14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, No, but thou didst laugh.

16 ¶ And the men rose up from there and looked toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do,

18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation and that all the Gentiles of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his sons and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and judgment, that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him.

20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great and because their sin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from there and went toward Sodom; but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

23 ¶ And Abraham drew near and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* in it?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked and that the righteous should be *treated* as the wicked that are far from thee. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, who *am but* dust and ashes;

28 peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for *lack of* five? And he said, If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy *it*.

29 And he spoke unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do *it* for forty's sake.

30 And he said *unto him*, Oh let not the Lord now be angry if I shall speak; peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do *it* if I find thirty there.

31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord; peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake.

32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once; peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake.

33 And the LORD went away as soon as he had left communing with Abraham; and Abraham returned unto his place.

Genesis 19

1 ¶ And the two angels came to Sodom at evening; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom, and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground,

2 and he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your slave's house and tarry all night and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early and go on your ways. And they said, No, but we will abide in the street all night.

3 And he pressed upon them greatly, and they turned in unto him and entered into his house, and he made them a banquet and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 ¶ But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter;

5 and they called unto Lot and said unto him, Where *are* the men who came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them and shut the door after him

7 and said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters who have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes; only unto these men do nothing, for they have come under the shadow of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, This fellow came in to sojourn and is he to lift himself up as judge? Now will we deal worse with thee than with them. And they did great violence to the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.

10 Then the men put forth their hand and pulled Lot into the house with them and shut the door.

11 And they smote the men that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 ¶ And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou anyone else here? Sons-in-law and thy sons and thy daughters and whatever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place;

13 For we will destroy this place because the cry of them is waxed great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out and spoke unto his sons-in-law, those who were to marry his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law.

15 ¶ And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife and thy two daughters who are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand and upon the hand of his wife and upon the hand of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful unto him; and they brought him forth and set him outside the city.

17 And it came to pass as they brought them forth outside, that he said, Escape; for thy soul, do not look behind thee, neither stop thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my lords;

19 behold now, thy slave has found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die.

20 Behold now, this city *is* near to flee unto, and it *is* a little one; Oh, let me escape there, (*is it not a little one?*) and my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also that I will not overthrow the city for which thou hast spoken.

22 Make thee haste, escape there; for I cannot do anything until thou hast arrived there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23 The sun was rising upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 ¶ Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of the heavens;

25 and he overthrew those cities and all that plain, with all the inhabitants of those cities, and the fruit of the ground.

26 ¶ Then the wife of Lot looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

27 ¶ And Abraham rose up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD.

28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of that plain and beheld that the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass as God destroyed the cities of the plain that God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the destruction when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

30 ¶ But Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountain and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar; and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 Then the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father *is* old, and *there is* not a man *left* in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth.

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him that we may preserve the generation of our father.

33 And they made their father drink wine that night; and the firstborn went in and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34 And it came to pass on the next day that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in *and* lie with him that we may preserve the generation of our father.

35 And they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

37 And the firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; the same *is* the father of the Moabites unto this day.

38 And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Benammi; the same *is* the father of the sons of Ammon unto this day.

Genesis 20

1 ¶ And Abraham journeyed from there toward the land of the Negev and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur and sojourned in Gerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She *is* my sister. And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

3 ¶ But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, Behold, thou *art* a dead man, for the woman whom thou hast taken, for she *is* a man's wife.

4 But Abimelech had not come near her, and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous person?

5 Did he not say unto me, She *is* my sister? And she, even she herself said, He *is* my brother; in the simplicity of my heart and cleanness of my hands I have done this.

6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yes, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me; therefore I did not allow thee to touch her.

7 Now therefore restore the man *his* wife, for he *is* a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live. And if thou restore *her* not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou and all that *are* thine.

8 ¶ Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his slaves and told all these things in their ears; and the men feared greatly.

9 Then Abimelech called Abraham and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us and *in* what have I sinned against thee that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom such a great sin? Thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What didst thou see that thou hast done this thing?

11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God *is* not in this place, and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

12 And yet indeed, *she is also* my sister; she *is* the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

13 And it came to pass when God caused me to wander from my father's house that I said unto her, This *is* the mercy which thou shalt show unto me: at every place where we shall come, say of me, He *is* my brother.

14 ¶ Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen and menslaves and womenslaves and gave *them* unto Abraham and restored him Sarah his wife.

15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land *is* before thee; dwell where it pleases thee.

16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand *pieces* of silver; behold, he *is* to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that *were* with thee and with everyone: thus she was reproved.

17 So Abraham prayed unto God; and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maidservants; and they bore *children*.

18 For the LORD had completely closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Genesis 21

1 ¶ And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did with Sarah as he had spoken.

2 For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old as God had commanded him.

5 And Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born unto him.

6 Then Sarah said, God has made me to laugh *so that* all that hear will laugh with me.

7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? For I have born *him* a son in his old age.

8 And the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great banquet the day that Isaac was weaned.

9 ¶ And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had born unto Abraham, mocking.

10 Therefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac.

11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

12 Then God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah has said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

13 And also of the son of the bondwoman I will make a nation because he *is* thy seed.

14 ¶ So Abraham rose up early in the morning and took bread and a bottle of water and gave *it* unto Hagar, putting *it* on her shoulder, and the child and sent her away; and she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under a tree.

16 And she went and sat her down over against *him* a good way off as it were a bowshot; for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him* and lifted up her voice and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the lad, and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven and said unto her, What ails thee, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he *is*.

18 Arise, lift up the lad and hold him in thy hand, for I will make him a great nation.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the bottle with water and gave the lad drink.

20 And God was with the lad, and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness and became an archer.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And it came to pass at that time that Abimelech and Phichol, the prince of his host, spoke unto Abraham, saying, God *is* with thee in all that thou doest.

23 Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son; *but* according to the mercy that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me and to the land in which thou hast sojourned.

24 And Abraham said, I will swear.

25 And Abraham reprov'd Abimelech because of a well of water which Abimelech's slaves had violently taken away.

26 And Abimelech said, I know not who has done this thing; neither didst thou tell me, neither have I heard *of it*, but today.

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.

28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What *mean* these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?

30 And he said, For *these* seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand that they may be a witness unto me that I have dug this well.

31 Therefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they swore, both of them.

32 Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba; then Abimelech rose up and Phichol, the prince of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

33 ¶ And *Abraham* planted a grove in Beersheba and called there on the name of the LORD, the eternal God.

34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

Genesis 22

1 ¶ And it came to pass after these things that God proved Abraham and said unto him, Abraham; and he said, Behold, *here I am*.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou dost love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 ¶ And Abraham rose up early in the morning and saddled his ass and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son, and cut the wood for the burnt offering and rose up and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder and worship and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* upon Isaac, his son; and he took the fire in his hand and the knife; and they both went together.

7 Then Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father and said, My father; and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for the burnt offering?

8 And Abraham answered, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering, so they both went together.

9 And when they came to the place which God had told him of, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven and said, Abraham, Abraham; and he said, Here *am* I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him; for now I know that thou doest fear God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked and beheld behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Shall See (*YHWH-jireh*). Therefore it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

15 ¶ And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time

16 and said, By myself I have sworn, said the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*;

17 that in blessing I will bless thee and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gates of his enemies;

18 and in thy seed shall all the Gentiles of the earth be blessed because thou hast hearkened unto my voice.

19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

20 ¶ And it came to pass after these things that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she has also born sons unto thy brother Nahor;

21 Huz, his firstborn, and Buz, his brother, and Kemuel, the father of Aram

22 and Chesed and Hazo and Pildash and Jidlaph and Bethuel.

23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah. Milcah gave birth to these eight unto Nahor, Abraham's brother.

24 And his concubine, whose name *was* Reumah, also gave birth to Tebah and Gaham and Thahash and Maachah.

Genesis 23

1 ¶ And Sarah was one hundred and twenty-seven years old; *these were* the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in Kirjatharba; the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan; and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

3 ¶ And Abraham stood up from before his dead and spoke unto the sons of Heth, saying,

4 I *am* a stranger and a sojourner with you; give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

5 And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him,

6 Hear us, my lord; thou *art* a prince of God among us; in the best of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre so that thou may bury thy dead.

7 And Abraham stood up and bowed himself to the people of the land, *even* to the sons of Heth.

8 And he communed with them, saying, If it is your desire that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me and intercede for me to Ephron, the son of Zohar,

9 that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he has, which *is* in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it *to* me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you.

10 This Ephron dwelt among the sons of Heth; and Ephron, the Hittite, answered Abraham in the audience of the sons of Heth, *even* of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying,

11 No, my lord, hear me; I give thee the field, and the cave that *is* therein, I give it *to* thee; in the presence of the sons of my people I give it *to* thee; bury thy dead.

12 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.

13 And he spoke unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou *wilt give it*, I pray thee, hear me; I will give thee money for the field; take *it* of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,

15 My lord, hearken unto me: the land *is worth* four hundred shekels of silver; what *is* that between me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

16 ¶ Then Abraham hearkened unto Ephron, and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current *money* with the merchant.

17 And the field of Ephron, which *was* in Machpelah, which *was* before Mamre, the field and the cave which *was* therein, and all the trees that *were* in the field that *were* in all the borders round about were made sure

18 unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre; the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan.

20 And the field and the cave that *is* therein were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.

Genesis 24

1 ¶ And Abraham was old *and* well stricken in age, and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

2 And Abraham said unto his eldest slave of his house, who ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh,

3 and I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of the heavens and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell;

4 but thou shalt go unto my country and to my kindred and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

5 And the slave said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land, must I therefore bring thy son again unto the land from which thou didst come?

6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware that thou not bring my son there again.

7 The LORD God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred and who spoke unto me and swore unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from there.

8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be free from this my oath; only do not bring my son there again.

9 Then the slave put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning that matter.

10 ¶ And the slave took ten camels of the camels of his master and departed with the best of what his master had in his hand; and he arose and went to Aram-naharaim, unto the city of Nahor.

11 And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, *even* the time that women go out to draw *water*.

12 And he said, O LORD, God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, to have a good encounter this day and show mercy unto my master Abraham.

13 Behold, I stand *here* by the fountain of water, and the daughters of the men of the city come out for water:

14 And let it come to pass that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels to drink also; *let the same be she that* thou hast appointed for thy slave Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shown mercy unto my master.

15 And it came to pass before he had done speaking that, behold, Rebekah came out (who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother) with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

16 And the damsel *was* very fair to look upon, a virgin, whom no man had known; and she went down to the fountain and filled her pitcher and was coming *back* up.

17 Then the slave ran to meet her and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

18 And she said, Drink, my lord, and she hastened to let down her pitcher upon her hand and gave him drink.

19 And when she had finished giving him drink, she said, I will draw *water* for thy camels also until they have finished drinking.

20 And she hastened and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water* and drew for all his camels.

21 And the man marveled at her in silence, to see whether the LORD had prospered his journey or not.

22 And it came to pass as the camels had finished drinking that the man took a golden pendant of half a shekel weight and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold

23 and said, Whose daughter *art* thou? Tell me, I pray thee; is there room *in* thy father's house for us to lodge in?

24 And she said unto him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she gave birth unto Nahor.

25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and fodder enough and room to lodge in.

26 Then the man bowed down his head and worshipped the LORD.

27 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD, God of my master Abraham, who has not lifted his mercy and his truth from my master, the LORD leading me in the way to the house of my master's brethren.

28 And the damsel ran and told *those of* her mother's house these things.

29 ¶ And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* Laban; and Laban ran out unto the man to the fountain.

30 And it came to pass when he saw the pendant and the bracelets upon his sister's hands, she said, Thus spoke the man unto me; then he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the fountain.

31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; why dost thou stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and the place for the camels.

32 Then the man came into the house, and *Laban* ungirded his camels and gave straw and fodder for the camels and water to wash his feet and the men's feet that *were* with him.

33 And they set *food* before him to eat, but he said, I will not eat until I have told my errand. And *he* said unto him, Speak on.

34 And he said, I *am* Abraham's slave.

35 And the LORD has blessed my master greatly, and he is become great; and he has given him flocks and herds and silver and gold and menslaves and maidslaves and camels and asses.

36 And Sarah, my master's wife, bore a son to my master when she was old, unto whom he has given all that he has.

37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell;

38 but thou shalt go unto my father's house and to my kindred and take from there a wife for my son.

39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

40 And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my lineage and of my father's house;

41 then shalt thou be free from *this* my oath, when thou hast come unto my lineage; and if they give *her* not *unto* thee, thou shalt be free from my oath.

42 And I came this day unto the fountain and said, O LORD, God of my master Abraham, if now thou dost prosper my way by which I go,

43 behold, I stand by the fountain of water; let it come to pass, therefore, *that* the virgin who comes forth to draw *water* unto whom I say, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44 and if she shall say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels, *let* the same *be* the woman whom the LORD has prepared for my master's son.

45 And before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder, and she went down unto the fountain and drew *water*, and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46 And she made haste and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder* and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also; so I drank, and she gave to drink unto the camels also.

47 And I asked her and said, Whose daughter *art* thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore unto him. Then I put the pendant over her nose and the bracelets upon her hands.

48 And I bowed down my head and worshipped the LORD and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of the truth to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

49 And now if ye will deal in mercy and truth with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceeds from the LORD; we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

51 Behold, Rebekah *is* before thee; take *her* and go and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD has spoken.

52 And it came to pass that when Abraham's slave heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, *bowing himself* to the earth.

53 And the slave brought forth vessels of silver and vessels of gold and raiment and gave *them* to Rebekah; he also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.

54 ¶ And they ate and drank, he and the men that *were* with him, and slept; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

55 Then her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a *few* days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD has prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

57 Then they said, We will call the damsel and enquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rebekah and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

59 So they sent away Rebekah, their sister, and her nurse and Abraham's slave and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah and said unto her, Thou *art* our sister; be thou *the mother* of thousands of ten thousands, and let thy seed possess the gate of those who hate them.

61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels and followed the man; and the slave took Rebekah and went away.

62 ¶ And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the land of the Negev.

63 And Isaac had gone out to pray in the field at the evening hour; and he lifted up his eyes and saw, and, behold, the camels *were* coming.

64 And Rebekah also lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.

65 For she *had* asked the slave, What man *is* this that walks in the field to meet us? And the slave *had* said, This *is* my master; therefore she took a veil and covered herself.

66 Then the slave told Isaac all the things that he had done.

67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent and took Rebekah as *his* wife; and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*.

Genesis 25

- 1 ¶ Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name *was* Keturah.
- 2 And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.
- 3 And Jokshan begat Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim.
- 4 And the sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Enoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these *were* the sons of Keturah.
- 5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.
- 6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.
- 7 And these *were* the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, one hundred seventy-five years.
- 8 Then Abraham expired and died in a good old age, an old man and full *of years*, and was gathered to his people.
- 9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which *is* in front of Mamre;
- 10 the field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth, there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.
- 11 ¶ And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi. {Heb. the Living One who sees me}
- 12 Now these *are* the generations of Ishmael, son of Abraham, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, gave birth unto Abraham:
- 13 And these *are* the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their lineages: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth, and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
- 14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa,
- 15 Hadar, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.
- 16 These *are* the sons of Ishmael, and these *are* their names, by their towns and by their palaces; twelve princes according to their families.

17 And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael, one hundred thirty-seven years; and Ishmael expired and died and was gathered unto his people.

18 And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that *is* before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria; *and* he fell in the presence of all his brethren.

19 ¶ And these *are* the generations of Isaac, son of Abraham. Abraham begat Isaac;

20 and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel, the Aramean of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Aramean.

21 And Isaac prayed unto the LORD for his wife because she *was* barren; and the LORD accepted him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

22 And the sons struggled together within her; and she said, If *this is* so, why should I *live*? And she went to enquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two *manner of* peoples shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb.

25 And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

26 And afterwards his brother came out with Esau's heel grasped in his hand; and his name was called Jacob. And Isaac *was* sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

27 And the boys grew, and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob *was* an upright man, remaining in the tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau because he ate of *his* venison; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 ¶ And Jacob boiled pottage; and Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint;

30 and Esau said to Jacob, Give me to eat, I pray thee, of that red *pottage*; for I *am* faint. Therefore was his name called Edom.

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And Esau said, Behold, I *am* at the point to die; and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau of the bread and of the pottage of lentils; and he ate and drank, and rose up, and went away. Thus Esau despised *his* birthright.

Genesis 26

1 ¶ And there was a famine in the land, in addition to the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech, king of the Philistines, unto Gerar.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him and said, *Do not go down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of;*

3 abide in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these lands, and I will confirm the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father;

4 and I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven and will give unto thy seed all these lands, and in thy seed shall all the Gentiles of the earth be blessed

5 because Abraham hearkened unto my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

6 ¶ Therefore Isaac dwelt in Gerar.

7 And the men of that place asked *him* of his wife; and he said, *She is my sister*, for he feared to say, *She is my wife*, lest, *said he*, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah because she *was* fair to look upon.

8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time that Abimelech, king of the Philistines, looking out a window, saw Isaac sporting with Rebekah, his wife.

9 And Abimelech called Isaac and said, Behold, of a surety she *is* thy wife; and how didst thou say, *She is my sister*? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die because of her.

10 And Abimelech said, What *is* this thou hast done unto us? One of the people might easily have slept with thy wife, and thou should have brought the sin upon us.

11 Then Abimelech charged all the people, saying, He that touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

12 ¶ Then Isaac sowed in that land and received in the same year one hundred-fold, and the LORD blessed him.

13 And the man waxed great and went forward and grew until he became very great,

14 for he had possession of flocks, possession of herds, great store of servants, and the Philistines envied him.

15 For all the wells which his father's slaves had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them and filled them with earth.

16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us, for thou art become much mightier than we.

17 And Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac reopened the wells of water, which they had opened in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them *up* after the death of Abraham, and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And Isaac's slaves dug in the valley and found there a well of living waters.

20 And the pastors of Gerar strove with Isaac's pastors, saying, The water *is* ours; therefore he called the name of the well Esek, because they strove with him.

21 And they opened another well and strove for that *one* also; and he called the name of it Sitnah.

22 And he left there and opened another well; and for that *one* they did not strive and he called the name of it Rehoboth, and he said, For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from there unto Beersheba.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I *am* the God of Abraham thy father; fear not, for I *am* with thee and will bless thee and multiply thy seed for my slave Abraham's sake.

25 And he built an altar there and called upon the name of the LORD and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's slaves opened a well.

26 ¶ Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar and Ahuzzath, one of his friends, and Phichol, the chief captain of his army.

27 And Isaac said unto them, Why come ye to me, seeing ye hate me and have sent me away from you?

28 And they said, We have seen certainly that the LORD is with thee; and we said, Let there be now an oath between us, *even* between us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee,

29 that thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee and as we have done unto thee nothing but good and have sent thee away in peace; thou *art* now the blessed of the LORD.

30 And he made them a banquet, and they ate and drank.

31 And they rose up early in the morning and swore one to another; and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32 And it came to pass the same day that Isaac's slaves came and told him concerning the well which they had opened and said unto him, We have found water.

33 And he called it Shebah, therefore the name of the city *is* Beersheba unto this day.

34 ¶ And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith, the daughter of Beerli, the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon, the Hittite:

35 Who were bitterness of spirit unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

Genesis 27

1 ¶ And it came to pass, that when Isaac became old, and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau, his eldest son, and said unto him, My son, and he said unto him, Behold, *here am I*.

2 And he said, Behold now, I am old: I know not the day of my death.

3 Now, therefore, take I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow and go out to the field and take me *some* venison

4 and make me savoury food, such as I love, and bring *it* to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless thee before I die.

5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau, his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* venison *and* to bring *it*.

6 ¶ Then Rebekah spoke unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau, thy brother, saying,

7 Bring me venison and make me savoury food that I may eat and bless thee before the LORD before my death.

8 Now, therefore, my son, hearken unto my voice according to that which I command thee.

9 Go now to the flock and bring me from there two good kids of the goats, and I will make them savoury food for thy father, such as he loves;

10 and thou shalt bring *it* to thy father that he may eat and that he may bless thee before his death.

11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau, my brother, *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man;

12 my father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon myself, and not a blessing.

13 And his mother said unto him, Upon me *be* thy curse, my son; only obey my voice and go bring me *them*.

14 And he went and took them and brought *them* to his mother, and his mother made savoury food, such as his father loved.

15 And Rebekah took good clothes of her eldest son Esau, which *were* with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob, her younger son:

16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands and upon the smooth of his neck,

17 and she gave the savoury food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

18 ¶ And he came unto his father and said, My father, and he said, Here *am* I; who *art* thou, my son?

19 And Jacob said unto his father, I *am* Esau, thy firstborn; I have done according as thou didst command me; arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

20 Then Isaac said unto his son, How *is it* that thou hast found *it* so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought *it* to me.

21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be* my very son Esau or not.

22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him and said, The voice *is* Jacob's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau.

23 And he discerned him not because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

24 And he said, *Art* thou my very son Esau? And he said, I *am*.

25 And he said, Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought *it* near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now and kiss me, my son.

27 And he came near and kissed him, and he smelled the smell of his clothing and blessed him and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed.

28 Therefore *let* God give thee of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of wheat and new wine.

29 Let the peoples serve thee and nations bow down to thee; be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee; cursed *be* every one that curses thee, and blessed *be* he that blesses thee.

30 ¶ And it came to pass as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he also had made savory food and brought it unto his father and said unto his father, Let my father arise and eat of his son's venison that thy soul may bless me.

32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who *art* thou? And he said, I *am* thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

33 Then Isaac trembled very exceedingly and said, Who *is* he that has taken venison and brought *it to* me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest? I have blessed him and he shall be blessed.

34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry and said unto his father, Bless me, *even* me also, O my father.

35 And he said, Thy brother came with deceit and has taken away thy blessing.

36 And he said, Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times; he took away my birthright, and, behold, now he has taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren I have given to him for slaves, and with wheat and new wine I have sustained him. What shall I do now unto thee, my son?

38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? Bless me, *even* me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

39 Then Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth and of the dew of the heavens from above,

40 and by thy sword shalt thou live and shalt serve thy brother; yet there shall be a time when thou shalt have dominion, and thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

41 ¶ And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will slay my brother Jacob.

42 And these words of Esau, her elder son, were told to Rebekah; and she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as concerning thee, does comfort himself, *purposing* to kill thee.

43 Now therefore, my son, hear my voice and arise; flee unto Laban, my brother, to Haran

44 and dwell with him a few days until thy brother's fury turns away,

45 until thy brother's anger turns away from thee, and he forgets *that* which thou hast done to him; then I will send, and bring thee from there; for why should I be deprived of you both in one day?

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these *who are* of the daughters of this land, why should I want to live?

Genesis 28

1 ¶ Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2 Arise, go to Padanaram to the house of Bethuel, thy mother's father, and take thee a wife from there of the daughters of Laban, thy mother's brother.

3 And *may* God Almighty bless thee and make thee fruitful and multiply thee that thou may be a congregation of peoples

4 and give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee and to thy seed with thee; that thou may inherit the land in which thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

5 Thus Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6 ¶ And Esau saw how Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padanaram, to take a wife from there for himself, and that as he blessed him, he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan,

7 and that Jacob had hearkened unto his father and his mother and had gone to Padanaram;

8 and Esau, seeing that the daughters of Canaan did not please Isaac his father,

9 Esau went unto Ishmael and took unto the wives which he had, Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

10 ¶ And Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran.

11 And he found a certain place and slept there all night because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place and put *them for* his pillows and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it and said, I AM the God of Abraham, thy father, and the God of Isaac; the land upon which thou dost

lie, to thee will I give it and to thy seed;

14 and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt multiply to the west and to the east and to the Aquilon and to the Negev; and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I *am* with thee and will keep thee in all *places* where thou goest and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.

16 ¶ And Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place, and I knew *it* not.

17 And he was afraid and said, How dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows and set it up *for* a pillar and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Bethel, since the name of that city *was called* Luz at first.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to put on
21 so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the LORD be my God;

22 and this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth *part* unto thee.

Genesis 29

1 ¶ Then Jacob walked *on* and came into the land of the people of the east.

2 And he looked and saw a well in the field, and, behold, there *were* three flocks of sheep lying by it, for out of that well they watered the flocks, and a great stone *was* upon the well's mouth.

3 And all the flocks gathered there; and they would roll the stone from the well's mouth and water the sheep and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in its place.

4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, where are you from? And they said, We *are* from Haran.

5 And he said unto them, Do you know Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*.

6 And he said unto them, *Is* he well? And they said, *He is* well, and, behold, Rachel, his daughter, comes with the sheep.

7 And he said, behold, *it is* yet high day; neither *is it* time that the livestock should be gathered together; water the sheep and go *and* feed *them*.

8 And they said, We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together and *until* they roll the stone from the well's mouth, that we may water the sheep.

9 ¶ And while he yet spoke with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was the pastor.

10 And it came to pass when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother, that Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the flock of Laban, his mother's brother.

11 And Jacob kissed Rachel and lifted up his voice and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he *was of* her father's brethren, and that he *was* Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son that he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, Surely thou *art* my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

15 ¶ And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou *art of* my brethren, should thou therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what *shall* thy wages *be*?

16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel.

17 Leah *was* tender eyed; but Rachel *was* beautiful and well favoured.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel, thy younger daughter.

19 And Laban said, *It is* better that I give her to thee than that I should give her to another man; abide with me.

20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed unto him *but* a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled that I may go in unto her.

22 So Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a banquet.

23 And it came to pass in the evening that he took Leah, his daughter, and brought her to him, and he went in unto her.

24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah, his maid, *for* a handmaid.

25 And it came to pass that in the morning, behold, it *was* Leah; and he said to Laban, What *is* this thou hast done unto me? Did not I serve with thee for Rachel? Why then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country to give the younger before the firstborn.

27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee the other also for another seven years of service which thou shalt serve with me.

28 And Jacob did so and fulfilled her week; and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah, his handmaid, to be her maid.

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah and served with him yet another seven years.

31 ¶ And when the LORD saw that Leah *was* hated, he opened her womb; but Rachel *was* barren.

32 And Leah conceived and gave birth to a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said, Surely the LORD has looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

33 And she conceived again and gave birth to a son; and said, Because the LORD has heard that I *was* hated, he has therefore given me this *son* also; and she called his name Simeon.

34 And she conceived again and gave birth to a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me because I have born him three sons; therefore his name was called Levi.

35 And she conceived again and gave birth a son; and she said, Now I will praise the LORD; therefore she called his name Judah and stopped bearing *children*.

Genesis 30

1 ¶ And when Rachel saw that she gave Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister and said unto Jacob, Give me sons, or else I *will* die.

2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel; and he said, *Am* I in God's stead, who has withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?

3 And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife; and Jacob went in unto her.

5 And Bilhah conceived and gave birth to a son unto Jacob.

6 And Rachel said, God has judged me, and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son. Therefore she called his name Dan.

7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again and gave birth to a second son unto Jacob.

8 And Rachel said, With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed; and she called his name Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing *children*, she took Zilpah, her maid and gave her Jacob to wife.

10 And Zilpah, Leah's maid, gave birth to a son unto Jacob.

11 And Leah said, *Good* venture has come; and she called his name Gad.

12 And Zilpah, Leah's maid, gave birth to a second son unto Jacob.

13 And Leah said, Blessed am I, for the daughters will call me blessed; and she called his name Asher.

14 ¶ And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest and found mandrakes in the field and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.

15 And she said unto her, *Is it* a small matter that thou hast taken my husband and would thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes.

16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived and gave birth to a fifth son unto Jacob.

18 And Leah said, God has given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband; and she called his name Issachar.

19 And Leah conceived again and gave birth to the sixth son unto Jacob.

20 And Leah said, God has endued me *with* a good dowry; now my husband will dwell with me because I have born him six sons; and she called his name Zebulun.

21 And afterwards she gave birth to a daughter and called her name Dinah.

22 And God remembered Rachel and God hearkened to her and opened her womb.

23 And she conceived and gave birth to a son and said, God has taken away my reproach;

24 and she called his name Joseph, saying, Let the LORD add unto me another son.

25 ¶ And it came to pass when Rachel had given birth to Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, and I shall go unto my place and to my land.

26 Give *me* my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go, for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

27 And Laban said unto him, Let me now find grace in thine eyes, I have learned by experience that the LORD has blessed me for thy sake.

28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give *it*.

29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee and how many livestock thou hast with me.

30 For *it was* little which thou hadst before I *came*, and it is *now* increased unto a multitude, and the LORD has blessed thee since my coming; and now when shall I provide for my own house also?

31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me anything; if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed *and* keep thy flock.

32 I will pass through all thy flock today, setting apart all the speckled and spotted sheep, and all the brown rams among the rams, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and *of such* shall be my hire.

33 So shall my righteousness answer for me tomorrow, when my hire shall come before thy face; each one that *is* not speckled and spotted among *my* goats and brown among *my* sheep shall be counted stolen with me.

34 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

35 And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted *and* every one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown among the sheep and gave *them* into the hand of his sons.

36 And he set three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

37 ¶ And Jacob took rods of green poplar and of the almond and chestnut tree and peeled white strakes in them and made the white appear which *was* in the rods.

38 And he set the rods which he had peeled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink that they should conceive when they came to drink.

39 And the flocks conceived before the rods and brought forth ringstraked, speckled, and spotted sheep.

40 And Jacob separated the lambs, and put with his flock the ringstraked and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves and did not put them together with Laban's sheep.

41 And it came to pass, whenever the stronger sheep conceived, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the sheep in the gutters that they might conceive among the rods.

42 But when the sheep were feeble, he did not put *them* in; so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.

43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had many sheep, and maidslaves and menslaves, and camels, and asses.

Genesis 31

1 ¶ And he heard the words of the sons of Laban, saying, Jacob has taken away all that *was* our father's; and of *that* which *was* our father's, he has gotten all this glory.

2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it *was* not toward him as before.

3 Also the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his sheep

5 and said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it *is* not toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me.

6 And ye know that with all my strength I have served your father.

7 And your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not allow him to hurt me.

8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the sheep bore speckled; and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then all the sheep bore ringstraked.

9 Thus God has taken away the livestock of your father and given *them* to me.

10 And it came to pass at the time that the sheep conceived, that I lifted up my eyes and saw in dreams, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the females *were* ringstraked, speckled, and grisled.

11 And the angel of God spoke unto me in dreams, *saying*, Jacob: And I said, Here *am* I.

12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes and see, all the rams which leap upon the sheep *are* ringstraked, speckled, and grisled; for I have seen all that Laban has done unto thee.

13 I *am* the God of Bethel, where thou didst anoint the pillar *and* where thou didst vow a vow unto me. Now arise, go out from this land and return unto the land of thy nature.

14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, *Is there* yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

15 Are we not counted of him strangers? For he has sold us and has even devoured all our price.

16 For all the riches which God has taken from our father, is ours and our son's; now then, whatever God has said unto thee, do.

17 ¶ Then Jacob rose up and set his sons and his wives upon the camels;

18 and he carried away all his livestock and all his goods which he had gotten, the livestock of his getting, which he had gotten in Padanaram, to return unto Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

19 And Laban had gone to shear his sheep; and Rachel stole the idols of her father.

20 And Jacob stole away the heart of Laban the Aramean, in that he did not tell him that he fled.

21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up and passed the river and set his face *toward* Mount Gilead.

22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled.

23 Then he took his brethren with him and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in Mount Gilead.

24 And God came to Laban the Aramean in dreams by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

25 ¶ Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount; and Laban with his brethren pitched in Mount Gilead.

26 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away my heart and carried away my daughters as captives *taken* with the sword?

27 Why didst thou flee away secretly and steal away from me and didst not tell me that I might have sent thee away with mirth and with songs with tambourine and with harp?

28 And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.

29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt, but the God of your father spoke unto me last night, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

30 And now, *that* thou art leaving, because thy desire is after thy father's house, *yet* why hast thou stolen my gods?

31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid; for I said, Peradventure thou would take by force thy daughters from me.

32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let them not live; before our brethren discern what *is* thine with me and take *it* to thee. For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents, but he did not find *them*. Then he went out of Leah's tent and came to Rachel's tent.

34 Now Rachel took the images and put them in a camel's saddle and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent but did not find *them*.

35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women *is* upon me. And he searched, but did not find the images.

36 ¶ Then Jacob was wroth and contended with Laban, and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What *is* my trespass? What *is* my sin that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

37 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? Set *it* here before my brethren and thy brethren that they may judge between us both.

38 These twenty years I have been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not aborted their young, and I have not eaten the rams of thy flock.

39 That which was torn *of beasts* I did not bring unto thee; I bore the sin; thou didst require of my hand that which was stolen, *whether* by day or by night.

40 By day the drought consumed me, and by night, the frost; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters and six years for thy flock; and thou hast changed my wages ten times.

42 If the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, were not with me, surely thou would send me away now empty. God has seen my affliction and the work of my hands and rebuked *thee* last night.

43 ¶ And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, *These* daughters *are* my daughters, and *these* sons *are* my sons, and *these* sheep *are* my sheep, and

all that thou seest *is* mine; and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their sons unto whom they have given birth?

44 Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou, and let it be for a witness between me and thee.

45 Then Jacob took a stone and set it up *for* a pillar.

46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones and made a heap; and they ate there upon the heap.

47 And Laban called it Jegarsahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed.

48 And Laban said, This heap *is* a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;

49 and Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.

50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take *other* wives beside my daughters, no man *is* with us; see, God *is* witness between me and thee.

51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold *this* pillar, which I have raised up between me and thee;

52 *let* this heap *be* witness and *this* pillar *be* witness that I will not pass over this heap against thee and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar against me, for harm.

53 The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their fathers, judge between us. And Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac.

54 Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount and called his brethren to eat bread; and they ate bread and slept in the mount.

55 And early in the morning Laban rose up and kissed his sons and his daughters and blessed them; and Laban departed and returned unto his place.

Genesis 32

1 ¶ And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This *is* God's host; and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

3 ¶ And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau: Thy slave Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban and stayed there until now;

5 and I have oxen and asses, flocks, and menslaves, and womenslaves; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he comes to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed, and he divided the people that *were* with him, and the sheep and the cows and the camels, into two bands

8 and said, If Esau comes to the one company and smites it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

9 ¶ And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said unto me, Return unto thy country and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee.

10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which thou hast showed unto thy slave; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan and now I am become two bands.

11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him lest he come and smite me *and* the mother with the children.

12 And thou hast said, I will surely do thee good and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

13 ¶ And he lodged there that same night and took of that which came to his hand *as* a present for Esau his brother:

14 two hundred she goats and twenty he goats, two hundred sheep and twenty rams,

15 thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals.

16 And he delivered *them* into the hand of his slaves, every drove by themselves and said unto his slaves, Pass before me and put a space between drove and drove.

17 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau, my brother, meets thee and asks thee, saying, Whose *art* thou? And where goest thou? And for whom *are* these before thee?

18 Then thou shalt say, *They are* thy slave Jacob's; it *is* a present sent unto my lord Esau; and, behold, also he *is* behind us.

19 And so commanded he the second and the third and all that followed those droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau when ye find him.

20 And ye shall also say, Behold, thy slave Jacob *is* behind us. For he said, I will reconcile his wrath with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept me.

21 So the present went over before him, and he lodged that night in the company.

22 And he rose up that night and took his two wives and his two womenservants and his eleven sons and passed over the ford Jabbok.

23 And he took them and sent them over the brook and sent over *all* that he had.

24 ¶ And Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when *the man* saw that he did not prevail against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was disjointed as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaks. And he said, I will not let thee go except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for thou hast fought with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked *him* and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Why dost thou ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel; for I have seen God face to face, and my soul was saved.

31 And as he passed over Penuel, the sun rose upon him, and he limped upon his thigh.

32 Therefore the sons of Israel do not eat *of* the sinew which shrank, which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day, because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

Genesis 33

1 ¶ And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, Esau came and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah and unto Rachel and unto the two handmaids.

2 And he put the handmaids and their children in front, and Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last.

3 And he passed over in front of them and bowed himself to the ground seven times until he came near to his brother.

4 And Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

5 ¶ And he lifted up his eyes and saw the women and the children and said, Who *are* those with thee? And he said, The children whom God hath graciously given thy slave.

6 Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

7 And Leah also with her children came near and bowed themselves; and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they also bowed themselves.

8 And he said, What *meanest* thou by all these droves which I met? And he said, To find grace in the sight of my lord.

9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep what thou hast unto thyself.

10 And Jacob said, No, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present from my hand, that for this I have seen thy face as though I had seen the face of God; and do me the pleasure.

11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee because God has dealt graciously with me, and all *that is here* is mine. And he urged him, and he took *it*.

12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13 And he said unto him, My lord knows that the children *are* tender, and the sheep and cows with young *are* with me; and if men should overdrive them, in one day all the sheep will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass before his slave; and I will lead on softly, according as the property that goes before me and the children are able to endure until I come unto my lord unto Seir.

15 And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee *some* of the folk that *are* with me. And he said, What for? Let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

16 ¶ So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth and built himself a house and made booths for his livestock; therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

18 And Jacob came safe and sound to the city of Shechem, which *is* in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padanaram, and pitched his tent before the city.

19 And he bought part of the field where he had spread his tent, from the hand of the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred ewes.

20 And there he erected an altar, and called it Elelohe-Israel (*the Strong God of Israel*).

Genesis 34

1 ¶ And Dinah, the daughter of Leah, which she gave birth unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her and defiled her.

3 And his soul was joined unto Dinah, the daughter of Jacob, and he fell in love with the damsel and spoke unto her heart.

4 And Shechem spoke unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah, his daughter; now his sons were with his cattle in the field, and Jacob remained silent until they were come.

6 ¶ And Hamor, the father of Shechem, went out unto Jacob to speak with him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard *it*; and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter, *a* thing which ought not to be done.

8 And Hamor spoke with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem is joined to your daughter; I pray you give her to him as wife.

9 And make ye marriages with us *and* give your daughters unto us and take our daughters unto you.

10 And ye shall dwell with us, and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein and take you possessions therein.

11 And Shechem also said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.

12 Ask me for as much dowry and gift as ye *desire*, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me; but give me the damsel to wife.

13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully and talked because he had defiled Dinah their sister:

14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised, for among us that *is* a reproach.

15 But with this condition we will consent unto you: If ye will become as we *are* that every male of you be circumcised,

16 then we will give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone.

18 ¶ And their words pleased Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son.

19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter and he *was* the most honourable of all the house of his father.

20 Then Hamor and Shechem, his son, came unto the gate of their city and communed with the men of their city, saying,

21 These men *are* peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land and trade therein; for the land, behold, *it* is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22 Only with this condition will these men consent to dwell with us that we may be one people: if every male among us be circumcised as they *are* circumcised.

23 *Shall* not their livestock and their substance and every beast of theirs *be* ours? Only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem, his son, hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

25 ¶ And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword and came upon the city boldly and slew all the males.

26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem, his son, with the edge of the sword and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain and spoiled the city because they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their sheep and their oxen and their asses and that which *was* in the city and that which *was* in the field

29 and all their wealth and all their little ones and their wives they took captive and spoiled even all that *was* in the house.

30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and I *being* few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a harlot?

Genesis 35

1 ¶ And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there and make there an altar unto God, who appeared unto thee when thou didst flee from the face of Esau, thy brother.

2 Then Jacob said unto his household and to all that *were* with him, Put away the strange gods that *are* among you and be clean and change your garments:

3 And let us arise and go up to Bethel and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and has been with me in the way which I have gone.

4 So they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which *were* in their power and *all their* earrings which *were* in their ears, and Jacob hid them under the oak which *was* by Shechem.

5 And they journeyed, and the terror of God was upon the cities that *were* round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

6 ¶ And Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in the land of Canaan, that *is*, Bethel, he and all the people that *were* with him.

7 And there he built an altar and called the place Elbethel because there God had appeared unto him when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 Then Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried beneath Bethel under an oak, and the name of it was called Allonbachuth.

9 And God appeared unto Jacob again when he came out of Padanaram and blessed him.

10 And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob; thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name, and he called his name Israel.

11 And God said unto him, I *am* God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply, a nation and a company of nations (*Gentiles*) shall come out of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

12 and the land which I have given to Abraham and to Isaac, to thee will I give it and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

13 And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.

14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering upon it, and he poured oil upon it.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

16 ¶ And they journeyed from Bethel, and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath when Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.

17 And it came to pass when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

18 And it came to pass as her soul was departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni, but his father called him Benjamin.

19 Thus Rachel died and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which *is* Bethlehem.

20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave; that *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

21 ¶ And Israel journeyed and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.

22 And it came to pass when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah, his father's concubine, and Israel heard *of it*. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:

23 The sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.

24 The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.

25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid: Dan and Naphtali.

26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid: Gad and Asher. These *are* the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Padanaram.

27 And Jacob came unto Isaac, his father, unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which *is* Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

28 And the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years.

29 And Isaac expired and died and was gathered unto his people, *being* old and full of days, and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Genesis 36

1 ¶ Now these *are* the generations of Esau, who *is* Edom.

2 Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon, the Hittite; Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, the Hivite;

3 and Bashemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.

4 And Adah bore to Esau Eliphaz, and Bashemath bore Reuel,

5 and Aholibamah bore Jeush and Jaalam and Korah: these *are* the sons of Esau, who were born unto him in the land of Canaan.

6 And Esau took his wives and his sons and his daughters and all the persons of his house and his cattle and all his beasts and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan, and went into *another* country from the face of his brother Jacob.

7 For their riches were more than that they might dwell together, and the land in which they were strangers could not bear them because of their livestock.

8 Thus dwelt Esau in Mount Seir; Esau *is* Edom.

9 ¶ And these *are* the lineages of Esau, the father of the Edomites in Mount Seir.

10 These *are* the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz, the son of Adah, the wife of Esau; Reuel, the son of Bashemath, the wife of Esau.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz, Esau's son, and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek: these *are* the sons of Adah, Esau's wife.

13 And these *are* the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah; these were the sons of Bashemath, Esau's wife.

14 And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: she gave birth unto Esau Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.

15 These *are* dukes of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn son of Esau: duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz,

16 duke Korah, duke Gatam, *and* duke Amalek: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these *are* the sons of Adah.

17 And these *are* the sons of Reuel, Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Reuel in the land of Edom; these *are* the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.

18 And these *are* the sons of Aholibamah, Esau's wife: duke Jeush, duke Jaalam, duke Korah; these *were* the dukes *that came* of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.

19 These *are* the sons of Esau, who *is* Edom, and these *are* their dukes.

20 ¶ These *are* the sons of Seir, the Horite, who inhabited the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

21 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan; these *are* the dukes of the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom.

22 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam, and Lotan's sister was Timna.

23 And the sons of Shobal *were* these: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

24 And these *are* the sons of Zibeon: both Ajah and Anah; this *was that* Anah that invented mules in the wilderness as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father.

25 And the children {Heb. sons} of Anah *were* these: Dishon and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

26 And these *are* the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

27 The sons of Ezer *are* these: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan.

28 The sons of Dishan *are* these: Uz and Aran.

29 These *are* the dukes *that came* of the Horites: duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah,

30 duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan; these *are* the dukes *that came* of Hori; by their dukedoms in the land of Seir.

31 ¶ And these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the sons of Israel.

32 And Bela, the son of Beor, reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

33 And Bela died, and Jobab, the son of Zerah of Bozrah, reigned in his stead.

34 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.

35 And Husham died, and Hadad, the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead; and the name of his city *was* Avith.

36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

37 And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth *by* the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Saul died, and Baalhanan, the son of Achbor, reigned in his stead.

39 And Baalhanan, the son of Achbor, died, and Hadar reigned in his stead; and the name of his city *was* Pau; and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 And these *are* the names of the dukes *that came of* Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names: duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth,

41 duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

42 duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

43 duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these *were* the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession. This *is* the Esau, the father of Edom.

Genesis 37

1 ¶ And Jacob dwelt in the land in which his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 These *are* the generations of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his *other* sons because he *was* the son of his old age, and he made him a coat of *many* colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 ¶ And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* to his brethren; and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7 For, behold, we *were* binding sheaves in the field, and, behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? Or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams and for his words.

9 And he dreamed yet another dream and told it *to* his brethren, saying, Behold, I have dreamed another dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told *it* to his father and to his brethren; and his father reprehended him and said unto him, What *is* this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him; but his father kept the word.

12 ¶ And his brethren went to feed their father's sheep in Shechem.

13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed *the* sheep in Shechem? Come and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here

am I.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it is well with thy brethren and well with the sheep and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, *he was* wandering in the field; and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

16 And he said, I seek my brethren; tell me, I pray thee, where they feed *their flocks*.

17 And the man said, They are departed from here; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren and found them in Dothan.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer comes;

20 now therefore, come and let us slay him and cast him into a cistern, and we will say, Some evil beast has devoured him; and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 When Reuben heard *it*, he delivered him out of their hands and said, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood *but* cast him into this cistern that *is* in the wilderness and lay no hand upon him that he might rid him out of their hands to deliver him to his father again.

23 ¶ And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, *his coat of many* colours that *was* on him;

24 and they took him and cast him into the cistern; and the pit *was* empty, *there was* no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread; and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing aromas and balm and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Egypt.

26 Then Judah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother and conceal his blood?

27 Come and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren were content.

28 And when the Midianite merchantmen passed by, they took and lifted up Joseph out of the cistern and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty *pieces* of silver. And they brought Joseph into Egypt.

29 And Reuben returned unto the cistern; and, behold, Joseph *was* not inside, and he rent his clothes.

30 And he returned unto his brethren and said, The young man *is* not; and I, where shall I go?

31 ¶ Then they took Joseph's coat and killed a kid of the goats and dipped the coat in the blood;

32 and they sent the coat of *many* colours, and they brought *it* to their father and said, We have found this, recognize now whether it *is* thy son's coat or not.

33 And he knew it and said, *It is* my son's coat; an evil beast has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34 Then Jacob rent his clothes and put sackcloth upon his loins and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted, and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's *and* captain of the guard.

Genesis 38

1 ¶ And it came to pass at that time that Judah went down from his brethren and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name *was* Hirah.

2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name *was* Shuah, and he took her and went in unto her.

3 And she conceived and gave birth to a son, and he called his name Er.

4 And she conceived again and gave birth to a son, and she called his name Onan.

5 And she yet again conceived and gave birth to a son and called his name Shelah. And he was at Chezib, when she gave birth to him.

6 And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name *was* Tamar.

7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD and the LORD slew him.

8 Then Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife and marry her and raise up seed to thy brother.

9 And Onan knew that the seed would not be his, and it came to pass when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he corrupted *it* on the ground, to not give seed to his brother.

10 And the thing which he did displeased the LORD, and he slew him also.

11 Then Judah said to Tamar, his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at thy father's house until Shelah, my son, is grown; for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren *did*. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

12 ¶ And many days passed and Judah's wife, the daughter of Shuah, died; and Judah was comforted and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah, the Adullamite.

13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold, thy father-in-law goes up to Timnath to shear his sheep.

14 And she took off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil and wrapped herself and sat by the gate to the waters by the way to Timnath, for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

15 When Judah saw her, he thought her *to be* a harlot because she had covered her face.

16 And he turned unto her by the way and said, Come now, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee (for he knew not that she *was* his daughter-in-law). And she said, What wilt thou give me that thou may come in unto me?

17 And he said, I will send *thee* from the sheep a kid *from the goats*. And she said, Wilt thou give *me* a pledge until thou send *it*?

18 Then he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet and thy mantel and thy staff that *is* in thine hand. And he gave them *to* her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.

19 And she arose and went away and took off her veil and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend, the Adullamite, to receive *his* pledge from the woman's hand; but he did not find her.

21 Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where *is* the cult prostitute of the waters by the way side? And they said, There was no cult prostitute in this *place*.

22 And he returned to Judah and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said *that* there was no cult prostitute in this *place*.

23 And Judah said, Let her take *the things* for herself lest we be shamed; behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

24 ¶ And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar, thy daughter-in-law, has played the harlot; and also, behold, she *is* with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth and let her be burnt.

25 When she *was* brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man whose these *are*, *am* I with child; and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose *are* these, the signet and mantel and staff.

26 Then Judah acknowledged *them*, and said, She has been more righteous than I because I did not give her to Shelah, my son. And he knew her again no more.

27 And it came to pass in the time of her travail that, behold, twins *were* in her womb.

28 And it came to pass when she travailed, that *the one* put out *his* hand, and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

29 And it came to pass as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out; and she said, Why hast thou brought this breach upon thee? Therefore his name was called Pharez.

30 And afterward his brother that had the scarlet thread upon his hand came out, and his name was called Zarah.

Genesis 39

1 ¶ And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the hands of the Ishmeelites, who had brought him down there.

2 But the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prospered man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 So Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him; and he made him overseer over his house, and all *that* he had he put into his hand.

5 And it came to pass from the time *that* he had made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and with him knew *of* nothing more than of the bread which he ate. And Joseph was handsome and well favoured.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

8 But he refused and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master does not know what *is* with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand;

9 *there is* none greater in this house than I; neither has he kept back anything from me but thee because thou *art* his wife; how then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?

10 And it came to pass as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not hearken unto her, to lie by her *or* to be with her.

11 And it came to pass about this time, that *Joseph* went into the house to do his business, and none of those of the house were there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me; and he left his garment in her hand and fled and got outside.

13 ¶ And it came to pass when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled forth,

14 that she called unto those of her house and spoke unto them, saying, See, he has brought in a Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice;

15 and it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me and fled and left.

16 And she laid up his garment by her until his lord came home.

17 And she spoke unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew slave, whom thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to dishonour me;

18 and when I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment with me and fled out.

19 ¶ And it came to pass when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke unto him, saying, After this manner did thy slave treat me, that his wrath was kindled.

20 And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound; and he was there in the prison.

21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy and gave him grace in the sight of the prince of the house of the prison.

22 And the prince of the house of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison; and whatever they did there, he was the doer of *it*.

23 The prince of the prison looked not to anything *that was* under his hand because the LORD was with him, and *that* which he did, the LORD made *it* to prosper.

Genesis 40

1 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, *that* the butler of the king of Egypt and *his* baker had sinned against their lord, the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was angry against his two officers, against the chief of the butlers and against the chief of the bakers.

3 And he put them in prison in the house of the captain of the guard, into the house of the prison where Joseph *was* bound.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; and they continued for days in prison.

5 ¶ And both of them dreamed a dream, each man his dream in the same night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who *were* bound in the prison.

6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad.

7 And he asked Pharaoh's officers that *were* with him in the prison of his lord's house, saying, Why look ye so sad today?

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, *Do* not interpretations *belong* to God? Tell me *the dreams*, I pray you.

9 Then the chief butler told his dream to Joseph and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me,

10 and in the vine *were* three branches, and it *was* as though it budded *and* her blossoms shot forth, and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes;

11 and Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

12 And Joseph said unto him, This *is* the interpretation of it: The three branches *are* three days;

13 yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head and restore thee unto thy place, and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

14 Therefore thou shalt think of me within thyself when it shall be well with thee, and show mercy, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto

Pharaoh and bring me out of this house;

15 for indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews; neither have I done anything here that they should put me into the prison.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and, behold, *I had* three white baskets on my head;

17 and in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of baked foods for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket upon my head.

18 Then Joseph answered and said, This *is* the interpretation thereof: The three baskets *are* three days.

19 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee and shall hang thee on a tree, and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

20 ¶ And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a banquet unto all his slaves, and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his slaves.

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again, and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

22 But he hanged the chief baker; as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph but forgot him.

Genesis 41

1 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven beautiful cows and very fat, and they fed in a meadow.

3 And, behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the river, ugly and lean-fleshed, and stood by the *other* cows upon the brink of the river.

4 And the ugly and lean-fleshed cows ate up the seven beautiful and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he slept and dreamed the second time; and, behold, seven heads of wheat came up upon one stalk, full and beautiful.

6 And, behold, seven thin heads, blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

7 And the seven thin heads devoured the seven full and beautiful heads. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream.

8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all the wise men thereof; and Pharaoh told them his dreams, but *there was* no one that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9 ¶ Then the chief butler spoke unto Pharaoh, saying, I remember my sins today;

10 Pharaoh was angry with his slaves and put me in the prison of the captain of the guard's house, *both* me and the prince of the bakers.

11 And we both dreamed a dream in one night; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

12 And *there was* there with us a young man, a Hebrew, slave to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted our dreams to us; he interpreted to each man according to his dream.

13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto my office, and him he hanged.

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon; and they cut his hair and changed his clothes, and he came in

unto Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no one that can interpret it; but I have heard say of thee *that* thou canst hear dreams to interpret them.

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me; God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

17 ¶ And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river;

18 and, behold, there came up out of the river seven cows, fat-fleshed and beautiful in appearance; and they fed in a meadow.

19 And, behold, seven other cows came up after them, lean and very ugly in appearance, and thin, such as I have never seen in all the land of Egypt for ugliness.

20 And the lean and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows;

21 and when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ugly, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

22 And I also saw in my dream, and, behold, seven heads came up in one stalk, full and beautiful;

23 and, behold, seven heads, withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them.

24 And the thin heads devoured the seven good heads; and I told *this* unto the magicians, but *there was* no one that could declare *it* to me.

25 Then Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God has showed Pharaoh what he *is* about to do.

26 The seven beautiful cows *are* seven years; and the seven good heads *are* seven years; the dream *is* one and the same.

27 Also the seven thin and ugly cows that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty heads blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

28 *This is* the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh. What God *is* about to do he has shown unto Pharaoh.

29 Behold, seven years of great plenty are coming throughout all the land of Egypt.

30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

31 and the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it *shall be* very grievous.

32 And that the dream came unto Pharaoh twice, *it is* because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33 ¶ Now therefore let Pharaoh find a discreet and wise man and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come and lay up wheat under the hand of Pharaoh to feed the cities, and let them store *it* up.

36 And let that food be stored for the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; and the land shall not perish through the famine.

37 And the word was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his slaves.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his slaves, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the Spirit of God *is*?

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God has showed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art*.

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

42 Then Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand and put it upon Joseph's hand and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck;

43 and he made him to ride in his second chariot; and they cried before him, *Abrech Tender Father-honour this one as a precious father*; and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt.

44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without thee no one shall lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah, and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

46 ¶ And Joseph *was* thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt and laid up the food in the cities, placing in each city the food of the field, which *was* round about.

49 And Joseph gathered wheat as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left *off* numbering; for *it was* without number.

50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath, the daughter of Potipherah, prince of On, bore unto him.

51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh; For God, *said he*, has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house.

52 And the name of the second he called Ephraim, For God, *said he*, has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53 And the seven years of the abundance that was in the land of Egypt were ended.

54 And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said; and the famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth. Then Joseph opened all *the storehouses* and sold unto the Egyptians; for the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

57 And all the earth came into Egypt to buy from Joseph because the famine was so sore in all lands.

Genesis 42

1 ¶ Now when Jacob saw that there was food in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why are ye looking upon one another?

2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is food in Egypt; go down there and buy for us from there that we may live, and not die.

3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy wheat in Egypt.

4 But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure disaster befall him.

5 And the sons of Israel came to buy among those that came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

6 And Joseph was the lord over the land, *and he it was* that sold *the wheat* to all the people of the land; and Joseph's brethren came and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the earth.

7 ¶ And when Joseph saw his brethren, he knew them, but made himself strange unto them and spoke roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Where have you come from? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

8 And Joseph knew his brethren but they did not know him.

9 Then Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them and said unto them, Ye *are* spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

10 And they said unto him, No, my lord, but to buy food are thy slaves come.

11 We *are* all one man's sons; we are men of *the* truth, thy slaves have never been spies.

12 And he said unto them, No, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

13 And they said, Thy slaves *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* not.

14 And Joseph said unto them, That *is it* that *which* I spoke unto you, saying, Ye *are* spies:

15 Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth from here unless your youngest brother comes here.

16 Send one of you and let him bring your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison that your words may be proved, whether *there is any* truth in you; or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye *are* spies.

17 And he put them all together into prison for three days.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, Do this and live, *for* I fear God.

19 If ye *are* men of *the* truth, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison; go ye, carry food for the famine of your houses

20 but bring your youngest brother unto me, so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

21 ¶ And they said one to another, We *are* truly guilty concerning our brother in that we saw the anguish of his soul when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 Then Reuben answered them, saying, Did I not speak unto you, saying, Do not sin against the young man, and ye would not hear? Therefore, behold, his blood is also required.

23 And they did not know that Joseph understood *them*, for he spoke unto them by an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself about from them and wept and returned to them again and spoke with them and took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

25 Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with wheat and to restore each man's money into his sack and to give them provisions for the way; and thus it was done unto them.

26 And they laded their asses with the wheat and departed from there.

27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass fodder in the inn, he saw his money; for, behold, it *was* in his sack's mouth.

28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, behold, *it is* even in my sack. And their heart failed *them*, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What *is* this *that* God has done unto us?

29 ¶ And they came unto Jacob, their father, unto the land of Canaan and told him all that had befallen them, saying,

30 The man, *who* is the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us and took us for spies of the country.

31 And we said unto him, We *are* men of *the* truth; we have never been spies.

32 We *are* twelve brethren, sons of our father; one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby I shall know that ye *are* men of *the* truth; leave one of your brethren *here* with me and take *food for* the famine of your households and go

34 and bring your youngest brother unto me; then I shall know that ye *are* not spies, but *that* ye *are* men of *the* truth; *thus* I will deliver you your brother, and ye shall trade in the land.

35 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, each man's bundle of money *was* in his sack; and when *both* they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36 And Jacob, their father, said unto them, Ye have bereaved me *of my sons*: Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away*; all these things are upon me.

37 And Reuben spoke unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I do not bring him to thee; deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he alone is left; if *some* disaster should befall him by the way in which ye go, then shall ye bring my gray hairs with sorrow down to Sheol.

Genesis 43

1 ¶ And the famine *was* sore in the land.

2 And it came to pass when they had eaten up the wheat which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.

3 And Judah spoke unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you.

4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:

5 But if thou wilt not send *him*, we will not go down; for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you.

6 And Israel said, Why did ye such evil unto me *as* to tell the man that ye had another brother?

7 And they said, The man asked us expressly of our state and of our kindred, saying, *Is* your father yet alive? Have ye *another* brother? And we told him according to the tenor of these words. Could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

8 Then Judah said unto Israel, his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live, and not die, both we and thou *and* also our little ones.

9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him; if I do not bring him unto thee and set him before thee, then let me bear the sin for ever;

10 for if we had not lingered, surely by now we would have returned this second time.

11 ¶ Then their father Israel answered them, If *it must be* so now, do this: take of the best fruits of the land in your vessels and take the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, aromas, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds.

12 And take double money in your hands and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks; carry *it* again in your hand; peradventure it *was* an oversight.

13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man.

14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may let your other brother go, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved *of my sons*, I am bereaved.

15 ¶ Then the men took the present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin, and rose up and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men home and slay an animal and make ready; for *these* men shall dine with me at noon.

17 And the man did as Joseph bade, and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18 And the men were afraid because they were brought into Joseph's house, and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time we are brought in here that he may seek occasion against us and fall upon us and take us for slaves and our asses.

19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they spoke with him at the door of the house

20 and said, my lord, we came indeed down the first time to buy food;

21 and it came to pass when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, each man's money *was* in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight; and we have brought it again in our hand.

22 And we brought down other money in our hands to buy food; we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

23 And he said, Peace *be* to you, fear not; your God, and the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet, and he gave their asses fodder.

25 And they made ready the present *waiting* until Joseph came at noon, for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 ¶ And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which *they had* in their hand in the house and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

27 And he asked them of *their* welfare and said, *Is* your father well, the old man of whom ye spoke? *Is* he yet alive?

28 And they answered, Thy slave our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads and made obeisance.

29 And he lifted up his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, *Is* this your younger brother, of whom ye spoke unto me? And he said, God be merciful unto thee, my son.

30 Then Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother; and he sought *where* to weep, and he entered into *his* chamber and wept there.

31 And he washed his face and went out and refrained himself and said, Serve bread.

32 And they served for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, who ate with him, by themselves; because the Egyptians may not eat bread with the Hebrews, for that *is* an abomination unto the Egyptians.

33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth; and the men marvelled one at another.

34 And he took *and sent* portions unto them from before him; but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were drunk with him.

Genesis 44

1 ¶ And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill these men's sacks *with* food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth;

2 and put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, with the money of his wheat. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4 *And* when they were gone out of the city, *and* not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Rise up, follow after those men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Why have ye rewarded evil for good?

5 *Is* this not *the one* in which my lord drinks and in which indeed he divines? Ye have done evil in so doing.

6 When he overtook them, he spoke unto them these same words.

7 And they said unto him, Why saith my lord these words? In no wise should thy slaves do according to this thing.

8 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan; how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold?

9 With whoever of thy slaves it is found, both let him die and we also will be my lord's *bond* slaves.

10 And he said, Now also *let it be* according unto your words; he with whom it is found shall be my slave, and ye shall be blameless.

11 Then they made haste, and each one took his sack down to the ground, and each one opened his sack.

12 And he searched *and* began at the eldest and finished at the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13 Then they rent their clothes, and each one laded his ass, and they returned to the city.

14 And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house, for he *was* yet there; and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Joseph said unto them, What deed *is* this that ye have done? Know ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine?

16 Then Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? What shall we speak or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of thy slaves; behold, we *are* my lord's slaves, both we and *he* also with whom the cup is found.

17 And he said, in no wise should I do so; *but* the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my slave; and as for you, go up in peace unto your father.

18 ¶ Then Judah came near unto him and said, Oh my lord, let thy slave, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy slave; for thou *art* even as Pharaoh.

19 My lord asked his slaves, saying, Have ye a father or a brother?

20 And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a young man of his old age, yet a lad; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.

21 And thou didst say unto thy slaves, Bring him down unto me that I may set my eyes upon him.

22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father; for *if* he should leave his father, *his father* would die.

23 And thou didst say unto thy slaves, Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

24 And it came to pass when we came up unto thy slave my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 And our father said, Go again *and* buy us a little food.

26 And we said, We cannot go down; if our youngest brother is with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the man's face unless our youngest brother *is* with us.

27 Then thy slave my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bore me two *sons*;

28 and the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces, and I have not seen him since;

29 and if ye take this one also from me and *some* disaster should befall him, ye shall bring my gray hairs with sorrow down to Sheol.

30 Now therefore when I come to thy slave my father, and the lad *is* not with us, seeing that his soul is bound up in the lad's soul,

31 it shall come to pass when he sees that the lad *is* not *with us*, that he will die: and thy slaves shall bring the gray hairs of thy slave our father down with sorrow to Sheol.

32 For thy slave became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the sin before my father for ever.

33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy slave remain instead of the lad as a *bond* slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34 For how shall I go up to my father and the lad not *be* with me? I cannot *go* lest I see the evil that shall come on my father.

Genesis 45

1 ¶ Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all those that stood by him, and he cried, Cause everyone to go out from me. And no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud; and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I *am* Joseph; does my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him, for they were terrified at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said unto his brethren, Now come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I *am* Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves that ye sold me here, for God sent me before you for life.

6 For these two years the famine *has been* in the land, and yet *there are* five years in which *there shall* neither *be* plowing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you that you might remain in the earth and that you might be given life by great liberty.

8 So now *it was* not you *that* sent me here, but God; and he has made me *as* a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 Make haste and go up to my father and say unto him: Thus saith thy son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down unto me, tarry not.

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou and thy sons and thy sons' sons and thy herds and thy cows and all that thou hast.

11 And there I will nourish thee, for yet *there are* five years of famine, lest thou and thy household and all that thou hast perish of poverty.

12 And, behold, your eyes see and the eyes of my brother Benjamin that *it is* my mouth that speaks unto you.

13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father here.

14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren and wept upon them, and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 ¶ And the fame of this was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren have come; and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his slaves.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, Do this: lade your beasts and go, return unto the land of Canaan

18 and take your father and your households and come unto me; and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land.

19 Now thou art commanded, do this: take wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives and bring your father and come.

20 Also regard not your stuff, for the good of all the land of Egypt *is* yours.

21 And the sons of Israel did so, and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the way.

22 To each one of them all he gave changes of clothing; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver and five changes of clothing.

23 And to his father he sent after this *manner*: ten asses laden with the best of Egypt and ten she asses laden with wheat and bread and food for his father on the way.

24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed. And he said unto them, See that ye do not fight along the way.

25 ¶ And they went up out of Egypt and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob, their father,

26 and told him, saying, Joseph *is* yet alive, and he *is* lord over all the land of Egypt. And his heart fainted, for he did not believe them.

27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them; and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob, their father, revived:

28 Then Israel said, *It is* enough; Joseph my son *is* yet alive; I will go and see him before I die.

Genesis 46

1 ¶ And Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

2 And God spoke unto Israel in visions of the night and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here *am* I.

3 And he said, I *am* the God, the God of thy father; fear not to go down into Egypt; for there I will make of thee a great people.

4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up *again*; and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

5 ¶ And Jacob rose up from Beersheba, and the sons of Israel took Jacob their father and their little ones and their wives in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

6 And they took their cattle and their goods which they had gotten in the land of Canaan and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his seed with him,

7 his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed he brought with him into Egypt.

8 And these *are* the names of the sons of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.

9 And the sons of Reuben: Enoch, Phallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

10 And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Saul the son of a Canaanite woman.

11 And the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

12 And the sons of Judah: Er and Onan and Shelah and Pharez and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.

13 And the sons of Issachar: Tola, Phuvah, Job, and Shimron.

14 And the sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel.

15 These *are* the sons of Leah, whom she bore unto Jacob in Padanaram, with his daughter Dinah; all the souls of his sons and his daughters *were* thirty-three.

16 And the sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli.

17 And the sons of Asher: Jimnah, Ishuah, Isui, Beriah, and Serah, their sister. The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.

18 These *are* the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she gave birth unto Jacob: sixteen souls.

19 The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin.

20 And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On gave birth unto him.

21 And the sons of Benjamin *were* Belah, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard.

22 These *are* the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob, *in* all, fourteen souls.

23 And the sons of Dan: Hushim.

24 And the sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem.

25 These *are* the sons of Bilhah, who Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she gave birth to these unto Jacob; *in* all seven souls.

26 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls *were* sixty-six;

27 and the sons of Joseph, who were born him in Egypt, *were* two souls. All the souls of the house of Jacob, who came into Egypt, *were* seventy.

28 ¶ And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

29 And Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and manifested himself unto him; and he fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while.

30 Then Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die since I have seen thy face because thou *art* yet alive.

31 And Joseph said unto his brethren and unto his father's house, I will go up and tell Pharaoh and say unto him, My brethren and my father's house, who *were* in the land of Canaan, are come unto me;

32 and the men *are* pastors of sheep, for their trade has been to feed livestock; and they have brought their sheep and their cows and all that they have.

33 And it shall come to pass when Pharaoh shall call you and shall say, What *is* your occupation?

34 Then ye shall say, Thy slaves' trade has been about livestock from our youth even until now, both we *and* also our fathers, that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every pastor of sheep *is* an abomination unto the Egyptians.

Genesis 47

1 ¶ Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh and said, My father and my brethren and their sheep and their cows and all that they have are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they *are* in the land of Goshen.

2 And of the least of his brethren he took five men and presented them unto Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What *is* your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy slaves *are* pastors of sheep, both we *and* also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come, for thy slaves have no pasture for their sheep, for the famine *is* sore in the land of Canaan; now therefore, we pray thee, let thy slaves dwell in the land of Goshen.

5 And Pharaoh spoke unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee;

6 the land of Egypt *is* before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell; and if thou knowest *any* men of valour among them, then make them rulers over my livestock.

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old *art* thou?

9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* one hundred and thirty years; few and evil have the days of the years of my life been and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from before Pharaoh.

11 Thus Joseph placed his father and his brethren and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 And Joseph nourished his father and his brethren, and all his father's household with bread, according to *their* families.

13 ¶ And *there was* no bread in all the land, for the famine *was* very sore, so that the land of Egypt and *all* the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.

14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the food which they bought from him; and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph and said, Give us bread, for why should we die in thy presence for the money fails?

16 And Joseph said, Give your livestock, and I will give you for your livestock if the money *has* failed.

17 And they brought their livestock unto Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for horses and for the sheep and for the bovine livestock and for the asses, and he fed them with bread for all their livestock that year.

18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year and said unto him, We will not hide *it* from my lord how that the money is gone; my lord also has our herds of cattle; there is not nothing left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies and our lands.

19 Why shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be slaves unto Pharaoh, and give *us* seed that we may live, and not die, that the land not be desolate.

20 Then Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for each one of the Egyptians sold his field because the famine prevailed over them; so the land became Pharaoh's.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from *one* end of the borders of Egypt even to the *other* end thereof.

22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had a portion *assigned them* of Pharaoh and ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their lands.

23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh; behold, *here is* seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.

24 And it shall come to pass in the increase that ye shall give the fifth *part* unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own for seed of the field and for

your food and for those of your households and for food for your little ones.

25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives; let us find grace in the sight of my lord that we might be Pharaoh's slaves.

26 And Joseph made it a statute over the land of Egypt unto this day, *that* Pharaoh should have the fifth *part*; except the land of the priests only, *which* did not become Pharaoh's.

27 ¶ Thus Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen; and they had possessions therein and grew and multiplied exceedingly.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years; so the whole age of Jacob was one hundred forty-seven years.

29 And the time drew nigh that Israel must die; and he called his son Joseph and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh and deal with me in mercy and truth; do not bury me, I pray thee, in Egypt;

30 but I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

31 And he said, Swear unto me. And he swore unto him. Then Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

Genesis 48

1 ¶ And it came to pass after these things *that* it was told Joseph, Behold, thy father *is* sick; and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

2 And *one* told Jacob and said, Behold, thy son Joseph comes unto thee. Then Israel strengthened himself and sat upon the bed

3 and said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me

4 and said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of peoples and will give this land to thy seed after thee *for* an everlasting possession.

5 And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, *are* mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

6 And those whom thou hast begotten after them shall be thine *and* shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

7 Because when I came from Padanaram, Rachel died unto me in the land of Canaan in the way when yet *there was* but a little way to come unto Ephrath; and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath, which *is* Bethlehem.

8 ¶ And Israel beheld Joseph's sons and said, Who *are* these?

9 And Joseph said unto his father, They *are* my sons, whom God has given me in this *place*. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.

10 Now the eyes of Israel were so dim for age *that* he could not see. And he brought them near unto him, and he kissed them and embraced them.

11 And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face, and, behold, God has showed me also thy seed.

12 Then Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand and brought *them* near unto him.

14 Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid *it* upon Ephraim's head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands with understanding; for Manasseh *was* the firstborn.

15 And he blessed Joseph and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me all my life long unto this day,

16 the Angel who frees me from all evil, bless these young men, and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

17 Then Joseph seeing that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.

18 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father, for this *is* the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refused and said, I know *it*, my son, I know *it*; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of Gentiles.

20 And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh. And he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

21 And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die; but God shall be with you and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

22 Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

Genesis 49

1 ¶ And Jacob called unto his sons and said, Gather yourselves together that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the last days.

2 Gather yourselves together and hear, ye sons of Jacob, and hearken unto Israel your father.

3 Reuben, thou *art* my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, principal in dignity, and the principal in power.

4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not be principal because thou didst go up to thy father's bed; then thou became defiled, going up to my couch.

5 ¶ Simeon and Levi *are* brethren; instruments of injustice are their weapons.

6 Let my soul not enter into their secret; nor let my honour join their assembly; for in their anger they slew a man, and in their own will they dug down a wall.

7 Cursed *be* their anger, which *is* strong, and their wrath, which is hard; I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.

8 ¶ Judah, thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall praise; thy hand *shall be* on the neck of thine enemies; thy father's sons shall bow down before thee.

9 Judah *is* a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, thou art gone up; he stooped down, he couched as a lion and as an *old* lion; who shall rouse him up?

10 The sceptre shall not be taken from Judah, nor the lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh comes; and unto him shall the gathering of the people *be*.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine and his ass's colt unto the choice roots; he washed his garments in wine and his covering in the blood of grapes;

12 His eyes red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

13 ¶ Zebulun shall dwell at the port of the sea; and he *shall be* for a port of ships; and his border *shall be* unto Zidon.

14 Issachar *is* a strong ass couching down between two burdens;

15 and he saw that rest *was* good and the land that *it was* pleasant and bowed his shoulder to bear and became a servant unto tribute.

16 Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that bites the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

18 I have waited for thy saving health, O LORD.

19 Gad, an army shall invade him, but he shall invade at the last.

20 Out of Asher his bread *shall be* fat, and he shall yield delight unto the king.

21 Naphtali *is* a hind let loose, who shall give forth a good word.

22 ¶ Joseph *is* a fruitful bough, *even* a fruitful bough by a fountain, *whose* daughters run over the wall.

23 The arches have sorely grieved him and shot at *him* and hated him;

24 but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty *one* of Jacob; from there did the stone of Israel shepherd,

25 by the God of thy father, who shall help thee, and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of the heavens above, with blessings of the deep that lies under, with blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

26 The blessings of thy father were greater than the blessings of my progenitors; unto the borders of the eternal hills they shall be upon the head of Joseph and on the crown of the Nazarite of his brethren.

27 Benjamin, ravening wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and in the evening he shall divide the spoil.

28 ¶ All these *were* the twelve tribes of Israel, and this *is* what their father spoke unto them and blessed them; each one according to his blessing he blessed them.

29 And he charged them and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron, the Hittite,

30 in the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron, the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace.

31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah, his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah, his wife; and there I buried Leah.

32 The purchase of the field and of the cave that *is* therein was from the sons of Heth.

33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed and expired and was gathered unto his people.

Genesis 50

1 ¶ Then Joseph fell upon his father's face and wept upon him and kissed him.

2 And Joseph commanded his slaves, the physicians, to embalm his father; and the physicians embalmed Israel.

3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those who are embalmed; and the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

4 And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke unto those of the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

5 My father made me swear, saying, Behold, I die; in my grave which I have dug for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee and bury my father, and I will come again.

6 And Pharaoh said, Go up and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

7 ¶ Then Joseph went up to bury his father, and with him went up all the slaves of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8 and all the house of Joseph and his brethren and his father's house; only their little ones and their sheep and their cows, they left in the land of Goshen.

9 And both chariots and horsemen went up with him, and it was a very great company.

10 And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which *is* beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation; and *Joseph* made a mourning for his father seven days.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This *is* a great mourning of the Egyptians; therefore the name of it was called Abelmizraim, which *is* beyond the Jordan.

12 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them;

13 for his sons carried him into the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace from Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

14 And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 ¶ And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren and their sin, for they did unto thee evil; and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the slaves of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spoke unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face, and they said, Behold, we *are* thy slaves.

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not; for *am* I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God thought it *out* unto good, to bring to pass that which we see this day, to give life to many people.

21 Now therefore fear ye not; I will nourish you and your little ones. Thus he comforted them and spoke to their heart.

22 ¶ And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.

23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's sons unto the third generation; the sons also of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die; but God will surely visit you and bring you out of this land unto the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

25 And Joseph took an oath of the sons of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from here.

26 So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in an ark in Egypt.

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Exodus 1

1 ¶ Now these *are* the names of the sons of Israel, who came into Egypt with Jacob; each one came in with his household.

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt *already*.

6 And Joseph died and all his brethren and all that generation.

7 And the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly and multiplied and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8 ¶ Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the sons of Israel *are* more and mightier than we.

10 Now, therefore, let us be wise concerning him, that he not multiply and it come to pass that when war comes, he shall also join with our enemies and fight against us and so leave the land.

11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built the supply cities for Pharaoh: Pithom and Raamses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew, so much that they loathed the sons of Israel.

13 And the Egyptians made the sons of Israel serve with rigor,

14 and they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, *making* mortar and brick and in all manner of service in the field; all their service, in which they made them serve, *was* with rigor.

15 ¶ And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and another *named* Puah;

16 and he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women and see *the* sex, if it *is* a son, then ye shall kill him; but if it *is* a daughter, then she shall live.

17 But the midwives feared God and did not *do* as the king of Egypt commanded them but gave the men children their lives.

18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing and have given the men children their lives?

19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women *are* not as the Egyptian women, for they *are* lively and are delivered before the midwives come in unto them.

20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and waxed very mighty.

21 And it came to pass because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

22 Then Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall give them their lives.

Exodus 2

1 ¶ And a man of the house of Levi went and took *to wife* a daughter of Levi,

2 who conceived and gave birth to a son, and seeing that he was beautiful, she hid him three months.

3 And when she could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes and daubed it with slime and with pitch and put the child in it, and she laid *it* in the reeds by the river's brink.

4 And his sister stood afar off to see what would happen to him.

5 ¶ And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash *herself* at the river, and walking with her maidens along by the river's side, she saw the ark among the reeds; she sent her maid to bring it.

6 And when she had opened *it*, she saw the child, and, behold, the babe wept. And having compassion on him, she said, This *is one* of the Hebrews' children.

7 Then his sister said unto Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women that she may nurse the child for thee?

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give *thee* thy wages. And the woman took the child and nursed it.

10 And when the child grew, she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses, for she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

11 ¶ And it came to pass in those days when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren and looked on their burdens, and he spied an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that *there was* no one, he slew the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

13 And when he went out the next day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together, and he said to him that did the wrong, Why smitest thou thy

fellow?

14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? Doest thou intend to kill me as thou killed the Egyptian? And Moses feared and said, Surely this thing is known.

15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

16 ¶ Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters who came and drew *water* to fill the troughs to water their father's sheep.

17 But the pastors came and drove them away. Then Moses stood up and defended them and watered their sheep.

18 And when they returned unto Reuel, their father, he said, How *is it that* ye are come so soon today?

19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the pastors and also drew *water* enough for us and watered the sheep.

20 And he said unto his daughters, And where *is* he? Why *is it that* ye have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.

21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man; and he gave Moses Zipporah, his daughter.

22 And she gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershon, for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

23 ¶ And it came to pass in process of time that the king of Egypt died, and the sons of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God from *their* bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

25 And God looked upon the sons of Israel, and God recognized them.

Exodus 3

1 ¶ Now as Moses shepherded the sheep of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, he led the flock to the backside of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.

3 Then Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great vision, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.

5 And he said, Do not come near; take off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place upon which thou dost stand *is* holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses covered his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 ¶ And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people who *are* in Egypt and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

8 and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land unto a good and broad land, unto a land flowing with milk and honey, unto the places of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

9 Therefore, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has now come before me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh that thou may bring forth my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.

11 ¶ Then Moses said unto God, Who *am* I that I should go unto Pharaoh and that I should bring forth the sons of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this *shall be* a token unto thee that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of

Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, The God of your fathers has sent me unto you, and if they say to me, What *is* his name? What shall I say unto them?

14 And God answered unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM. And he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the sons of Israel: I AM (*YHWH*) has sent me unto you.

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the sons of Israel: The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me unto you. This *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all ages.

16 ¶ Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you and *seen* that which is done to you in Egypt,

17 and I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

18 And they shall hearken to thy voice, and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews has found us; therefore, we shall now go three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

19 For I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go except by a mighty hand.

20 But I will stretch out my hand and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof, and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people grace in the eyes of the Egyptians, and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty;

22 but every woman shall demand of her neighbour and of her that sojourns in her house, vessels of silver and vessels of gold and clothing; and ye shall put *them* upon your sons and upon your daughters, and ye shall spoil Egypt.

Exodus 4

1 ¶ Then Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice, for they will say, The LORD has not appeared unto thee.

2 And the LORD said unto him, What *is* that in thy hand? And he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses fled from before it.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thy hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand.

5 Therefore they will believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared unto thee.

6 And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Now put thy hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous as snow.

7 And he said, Put thy hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his *other* flesh.

8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river and pour *it* upon the dry *land*; and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry *land*.

10 ¶ Then Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither up until now, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy slave; but I *am* slow of speech and of a slow tongue.

11 And the LORD said unto him, Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the dumb or the deaf or the seeing or the blind? Am not I the LORD?

12 Now therefore go and I will be with thy mouth and teach thee what thou shalt say.

13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand *of him whom* thou wilt send.

14 Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Do I not know thy brother Aaron, the Levite, and that he can speak well? And also, behold, he comes forth to meet thee, and when he sees thee, he will be glad in his heart.

15 And thou shalt speak unto him and put words in his mouth; and I will be with thy mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what ye shall do.

16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people; and he shall be unto thee as thy mouth, and thou shalt be unto him as God.

17 And thou shalt take this rod in thy hand with which thou shalt do the signs.

18 ¶ Thus Moses went and returned unto Jethro, his father-in-law, and said unto him, I shall go now and return unto my brethren who *are* in Egypt and see whether they are yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

19 And the LORD also said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt, for all the men are dead who sought thy life.

20 Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt; and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand; but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, The LORD hath said thus: Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn.

23 And I have said unto thee, Let my son go that he may serve me, but thou hast refused to let him go; *therefore*, behold, I *will* slay thy son, *even* thy firstborn.

24 ¶ And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him.

25 Then Zipporah took a sharp flint and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast *it* at his feet, saying, Surely a bloody husband *art* thou to me.

26 So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband *thou art*, because of the circumcision.

27 And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went and met him in the mount of God and kissed him.

28 Then Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him and all the signs which he had commanded him.

29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the sons of Israel:

30 And Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses and did the signs before the eyes of the people.

31 And the people believed; and hearing that the LORD had visited the sons of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed and worshipped.

Exodus 5

1 ¶ And afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go that they may celebrate a feast unto me in the wilderness.

2 And Pharaoh said, Who *is* the LORD, that I should hearken to his voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.

3 ¶ And they said, The God of the Hebrews has found us; therefore we shall go three days' journey into the desert and sacrifice unto the LORD our God lest he encounter us with pestilence or with the sword.

4 Then the king of Egypt said unto them, Why do ye, Moses and Aaron, keep the people from their works? Go unto your burdens.

5 Pharaoh also said, Behold, the people of the land now *are* many, and ye make them cease from their burdens.

6 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people and their officers, saying,

7 Ye shall no longer give the people firewood to make brick as until now; let them go and gather firewood for themselves.

8 And the tally of the bricks which they made before, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish any of it; for they *are* idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go *and* sacrifice to our God.

9 Let more work be laid upon them that they may occupy themselves with it; and let them not regard words of deception.

10 ¶ And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spoke to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you firewood.

11 Go ye, gather firewood where ye can find it; yet none of your work shall be diminished.

12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather brush for firewood.

13 And the taskmasters hastened *them*, saying, Fulfil your works, *your* daily quotas, as when there was firewood.

14 And the officers of the sons of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, *and they* demanded, Why have ye not fulfilled your quotas in making brick both yesterday and today, as until now?

15 ¶ Then the officers of the sons of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Why doest thou deal thus with thy slaves?

16 There is no firewood given unto thy slaves, yet they say to us, Make brick. Behold, thy slaves *are* beaten; and thy people sin.

17 And he replied, Ye *are* idle, ye are idle, therefore ye say, Let us go *and* sacrifice unto the LORD.

18 Go therefore now *and* work, for no firewood shall be given you, yet ye shall deliver the tally of bricks.

19 Then the officers of the sons of Israel saw *that they were* afflicted after it was said, Ye shall not diminish any from the bricks of your daily quota.

20 And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh;

21 and they said unto them, The LORD look upon you and judge because ye have made our savour to be a stench before Pharaoh and his slaves, putting a sword in their hands to slay us.

22 Then Moses returned unto the LORD and said, Lord, why hast thou so afflicted this people? Why *is it that* thou hast sent me?

23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he has afflicted this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

Exodus 6

1 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now thou shalt see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he must let them go, and with a strong hand he shall drive them out of his land.

2 And God spoke unto Moses and said unto him, I *am* the LORD;

3 and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD (*YHWH*) I was not known to them.

4 And I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers.

5 And likewise I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered my covenant.

6 Therefore say unto the sons of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will free you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm and with great judgments.

7 And I will take you as my people, and I will be your God: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning which I raised my hand to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it *unto* you for a heritage: I *am* the LORD.

9 In this manner Moses spoke unto the sons of Israel, but they did not hearken unto Moses because of *their* anguish of spirit and cruel bondage.

10 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh, king of Egypt, that he let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

12 And Moses answered before the LORD, saying, Behold, the sons of Israel do not hearken unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, seeing I *am* of uncircumcised lips?

13 Then the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron and gave them a commandment unto the sons of Israel and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 ¶ These *are* the heads of their fathers' families: The sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Enoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these *are* the families of Reuben.

15 And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Saul the son of a Canaanite woman; these *are* the families of Simeon.

16 And these *are* the names of the sons of Levi according to their lineages: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi *were* one hundred thirty-seven years.

17 The sons of Gershon: Libni, and Shimi, according to their families.

18 And the sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath *were* one hundred thirty-three years.

19 And the sons of Merari: Mahali and Mushi; these *are* the families of Levi according to their lineages.

20 And Amram took Jochebed, his father's sister to wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram *were* one hundred thirty-seven years.

21 And the sons of Izhar: Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri.

22 And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael, Elzaphan, and Zithri.

23 And Aaron took Elizabeth, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Naashon, to wife; and she bore him Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

24 And the sons of Korah: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph; these *are* the families of the Korhites.

25 And Eleazar, Aaron's son, took *one* of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bore him Phinehas. These *are* the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.

26 These *are* that Aaron and Moses, to whom the LORD said, Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their hosts.

27 These *are* those who spoke to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt: these *are* that Moses and Aaron.

28 And it came to pass on the day *when* the LORD spoke unto Moses in the land of Egypt,

29 that the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, I *am* the LORD; speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.

30 And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I *am* of uncircumcised lips,
and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

Exodus 7

1 ¶ The LORD said unto Moses, See, I have constituted thee as god unto Pharaoh; and Aaron, thy brother, shall be thy prophet.

2 Thou shalt speak all that I shall command thee; and Aaron, thy brother, shall speak unto Pharaoh that he send the sons of Israel out of his land.

3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 And Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, but I shall lay my hand upon Egypt and bring forth my hosts, *and* my people, the sons of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

5 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD when I stretch forth my hand upon Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from among them.

6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they.

7 And Moses *was* eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three years old when they spoke unto Pharaoh.

8 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

9 If Pharaoh shall answer you, saying, Show a miracle, then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod and cast *it* before Pharaoh, that it shall become a dragon.

10 So Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did as the LORD had commanded; and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his slaves, and it became a dragon.

11 Then Pharaoh also called wise men and sorcerers; now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their fire *worship*.

12 For each one cast down his rod, and they became dragons; but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

13 And Pharaoh's heart became hard, that he hearkened not unto them as the LORD had said.

14 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart *is become* grievous, for he refuses to let the people go.

15 Go unto Pharaoh in the morning; behold, he goes out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink before him and take in thy hand the rod

which was turned to a serpent

16 and say unto him, The LORD, the God of the Hebrews has sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness; and, behold, until now thou hast not desired to hear.

17 Thus hath the LORD said, In this thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD; behold, I will smite with the rod that *is* in my hand the waters which *are* in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

18 And the fish that *are* in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink the water of the river.

19 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their rivers, upon their streams, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood and *that* there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels of wood* and in *vessels of stone*.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and lifting up the rod, he smote the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his slaves; and all the waters that *were* in the river were turned to blood.

21 And the fish that *were* in the river died; and the river became corrupted, so that the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 And the magicians of Egypt did the same with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart hardened itself, and he did not hearken unto them, as the LORD had said.

23 And Pharaoh turned and returned to his house, and even with all this he did not take this to heart.

24 And in all Egypt they dug wells round about the river for water to drink, for they could not drink of the water of the river.

25 And seven days were fulfilled after the LORD had smitten the river.

Exodus 8

1 ¶ Then the LORD spoke unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh and say unto him, The LORD hath said thus, Let my people go that they may serve me.

2 And if thou refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs:

3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thy house and into thy bedchamber and upon thy bed and into the houses of thy slaves and upon thy people and into thine ovens and into thy kneadingtroughs;

4 and the frogs shall come up upon thee and upon thy people and upon all thy slaves.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the rivers, over the streams, and over the ponds and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

7 And the magicians did the same with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said unto them, Intreat the LORD that he may take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go that they may sacrifice unto the LORD.

9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Tell me: when shall I intreat for thee and for thy slaves and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, *that* they may remain only in the river?

10 And he said, Tomorrow. And *Moses* replied, *Be it* according to thy word, that thou may know that *there is* none like unto the LORD our God.

11 And the frogs shall depart from thee and from thy houses and from thy slaves and from thy people; they shall remain only in the river.

12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh; and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh.

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs of the houses, of the villages, and of the fields died.

14 And they gathered them together in heaps; and the land was corrupted.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart and did not hearken unto them as the LORD had said.

16 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 And the magicians did the same with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. And there were lice upon man and upon beast.

19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This *is* the finger of God. But Pharaoh's heart hardened, and he did not hearken unto them as the LORD had said.

20 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh; behold, he goes forth to the water and say unto him, The LORD hath said thus, Let my people go that they may serve me.

21 For if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms *of flies* upon thee and upon thy slaves and upon thy people and into thy houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of all kinds *of flies* and also the ground upon which they *are*.

22 And I will separate in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no kind *of flies* shall be there to the end that thou may know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the earth.

23 And I will put redemption between my people and thy people. Tomorrow shall this sign be.

24 And the LORD did so: that there came a grievous swarm *of flies* into the house of Pharaoh and *into* his slaves' houses and into all the land of Egypt; and the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm *of flies*.

25 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land *of Egypt*.

26 And Moses replied, It is not convenient to do so; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. Behold, if we

sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us?

27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as he has said unto us.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away; pray for me.

29 And Moses answered, Behold, as I go out from thy presence, I will intreat the LORD that the swarms *of flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his slaves, and from his people tomorrow; if Pharaoh will not deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.

30 Then Moses went out from Pharaoh, and prayed unto the LORD.

31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses, and he removed the swarms *of flies* from Pharaoh, from his slaves, and from his people; there remained not one.

32 And Pharaoh even hardened his heart this time and did not let the people go.

Exodus 9

1 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go that they may serve me.

2 For if thou refuse to let *them* go and wilt hold them still,

3 behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy livestock which *are* in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the cows, and upon the sheep: *there shall be* a very grievous pestilence.

4 And the LORD shall separate between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt so that nothing shall die of all *that is* of the sons of Israel.

5 And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, Tomorrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

6 And the next day the LORD did that thing, and *of* all the livestock of Egypt *many* died, but of the livestock of the sons of Israel not one died.

7 Then Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the livestock of the sons of Israel dead. But the heart of Pharaoh hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, *Let* each of you take handfuls of soot from the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.

9 And it shall become dust upon all the land of Egypt, which shall cause boils breaking forth *with* blisters upon man and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

10 And they took the soot of the furnace and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and boils breaking forth *with* blisters came upon man and upon beast

11 *until* the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boils were upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

12 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not hearken unto them as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

13 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go that they may serve me.

14 For *otherwise* this time I will send all my plagues upon thine heart and upon thy slaves and upon thy people that thou may know that *there is* none like me in all the earth.

15 For now I will stretch out my hand that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence, and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

16 For in truth I have placed thee to declare my power in thee, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

17 Thou even so dost exalt thyself against my people that thou wilt not let them go.

18 Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as has not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

19 Send therefore now *and* gather thy livestock and all that thou hast in the field; *for upon* every man and beast which shall be found in the field and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

20 He that feared the word of the LORD among the slaves of Pharaoh made his slaves and his livestock flee into the houses;

21 and he that did not regard the word of the LORD left his slaves and his livestock in the field.

22 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon the men and upon the beasts and upon all the grass of the field throughout the land of Egypt.

23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven, and the LORD raised his voice and it hailed, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became inhabited.

25 And that hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that *was* in the field, both men and beasts; and the hail smote all the grass of the field and

broke all the trees of the field.

26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel *were*, was there no hail.

27 Then Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron and said unto them, I have sinned this time; the LORD *is* righteous, and I and my people *are* wicked.

28 Intreat the LORD that the thunderings of God and the hail *might* cease; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay here no longer.

29 And Moses replied unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will extend my hands unto the LORD; *and* the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou may know how that the earth *is* the LORD's.

30 But I know thee and thy slaves from before ye began to fear the presence of the LORD God.

31 The flax, therefore, and the barley were smitten, for the barley *was* headed out, and the flax *was* in stalk.

32 But the wheat and the rye were not smitten; for they *were* late.

33 And Moses went out from the presence of Pharaoh and *out* of the city and extended his hands unto the LORD; and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he persevered in *his* sin and hardened his heart, he and his slaves.

35 And the heart of Pharaoh hardened, and he did not let the sons of Israel go as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

Exodus 10

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his slaves that I might show these my signs among them

2 and that thou may tell in the ears of thy sons and of thy son's sons the things I did in Egypt and my signs which I gave among them and that ye may know that I *am* the LORD.

3 Then Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh and said unto him, Thus hath the LORD God of the Hebrews said, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? Let my people go that they may serve me.

4 For if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring the locusts into thy borders,

5 and they shall cover the face of the earth that one will not be able to see the earth, and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remains unto you from the hail and shall eat every tree which produces *fruit* for you out of the field:

6 And they shall fill thy houses and the houses of all thy slaves and the houses of all the Egyptians, which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself and went out from Pharaoh.

7 Then Pharaoh's slaves said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? Let the men go that they may serve the LORD their God; knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh; and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God. Who *are* those that shall go?

9 And Moses replied, We must go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our sheep and with our cows we must go; for we have a solemn feast unto the LORD.

10 And he said unto them, Even if the LORD be with you, how can I let you go with your little ones; look at the malice which is before your face.

11 It *shall* not *be* so: go now ye *that are* men and serve the LORD; for that is what ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt to bring the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt and eat all the grass of the land *and* all that the hail has left.

13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all *that* night; *and* when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and landed in all the borders of Egypt. Very grievous *were they*; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall *there* be such.

15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate all the grass of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left; and there did not remain any green thing in the trees or in the grass of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you.

17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh and intreated the LORD.

19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts and cast them into the Red Sea; there remained not one locust in all the borders of Egypt.

20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the sons of Israel go.

21 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness *which* may be felt.

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven, and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

23 They did not see one another, neither did any rise from his place for three days; but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 Then Pharaoh called unto Moses and said, Go, serve the LORD; only let your sheep and your cows remain; let your little ones also go with you.

25 And Moses replied, Thou also must give us sacrifices and burnt offerings that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

26 Our cattle shall also go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind; for we must take thereof to serve the LORD our God; and we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there.

27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Go from me, take heed to thyself to see my face no more; for in *the* day that thou seest my face thou shalt die.

29 And Moses replied, Thou hast spoken well, I will not see thy face again.

Exodus 11

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, I will bring one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt, after which he will let you go from here; when he shall let *you* go, he shall surely thrust you out of here altogether.

2 Speak now to the people and let each man demand of his neighbour and each woman of her neighbour, vessels of silver and of gold.

3 And the LORD gave the people grace in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's slaves, and in the sight of the people.

4 ¶ And Moses said, The LORD hath said thus, About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt,

5 and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sits upon his throne even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that *is* behind the mill and all the firstborn of beasts.

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been *one* like it, nor shall *there* ever be any like it again.

7 But among all the sons of Israel, from man to beast, not a dog shall move his tongue, that ye may know that the LORD shall make a difference between the Egyptians and the Israelites.

8 And all these thy slaves shall come down unto me and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Go out, and all the people that follow thee; and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: but the LORD had hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

Exodus 12

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of the months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to you.

3 Speak unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month let each man take a lamb according to the families of the fathers, a lamb per family;

4 and if the household is too small and *is not able* to eat the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of persons; each one according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

5 The lamb shall be without blemish, a male of one year; ye shall take *it* out from the sheep or from the goats;

6 and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month, and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it between the two evenings.

7 And they shall take of the blood and put *it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses in which they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

9 Eat none of it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roast *with* fire, his head with his legs, and with the entrails thereof.

10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remains of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

11 And thus shall ye eat it: *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it *is* the LORD's passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both *among* man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I *am* the LORD.

13 And this blood shall be to you for a sign upon the houses where ye *are*; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it as a feast unto the LORD throughout your ages; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.

15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

16 And in the first day *there shall be* a holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, except *that* which every person must eat, that only may be done of you.

17 And ye shall observe *the feast of* unleavened bread, for in this same day have I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt; therefore, shall ye observe this day for your ages by an ordinance forever.

18 In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, ye shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month in the evening.

19 For seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats that which is leavened, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or born in the land.

20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations ye shall eat unleavened bread.

21 ¶ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said unto them, Draw out and take lambs according to your families and sacrifice the passover.

22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin and touch the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the basin; and none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through smiting the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood upon the lintel and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever.

25 And it shall come to pass, when ye have entered into the land which the LORD will give you, according as he has promised, that ye shall keep this service.

26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What do you mean by this service?

27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians and delivered our houses. Then the people bowed and worshipped.

28 And the sons of Israel went away, and as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

29 ¶ And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that *was* in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the animals.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his slaves and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for *there was* not a house where *there was* not one dead.

31 And he called for Moses and Aaron by night and said, Rise up, *and* get you forth from among my people, both ye and the sons of Israel, and go, serve the LORD as ye have said.

32 Also take your sheep and your cows, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people that they might send them out of the land in haste, for they said, We *are* all dead *men*.

34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

35 And the sons of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they asked the Egyptians for vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and clothing.

36 And the LORD gave the people grace in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they gave unto them *such things as they required*. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

37 ¶ And the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, not *counting* the children.

38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them and many sheep and cows.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not tarry nor prepare food for themselves.

40 Now the time that the sons of Israel dwelt in Egypt *was* four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even that same day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 It *is* a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this night *should* be observed unto the LORD by all the sons of Israel in their ages.

43 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This *shall be* the ordinance of the passover: No stranger shall eat of it,

44 but every man's slave that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat of it.

45 The foreigner and the hired servant shall not eat of it.

46 It shall be eaten in one house; thou shalt not carry forth any of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

47 All the congregation of Israel shall make this *sacrifice*.

48 And if a stranger shall sojourn with thee and desire to make the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and make this *sacrifice*; and he shall be as one that is natural in the land, but no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

49 The same law shall be for the one who is natural, and for the stranger that sojourns among you.

50 Thus did all the sons of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

51 And it came to pass that same day *that* the LORD did bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

Exodus 13

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the sons of Israel, *both* of man and of beast; for it *is* mine.
- 3 And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery; for the LORD has brought you out of here with a strong hand; therefore, ye shall not eat with leaven.
- 4 This day ye came out in the month Abib.
- 5 And when the LORD shall have brought thee into the land of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt do this service in this month.
- 6 Thou shalt eat without leaven for seven days, and the seventh day *shall be* a feast unto the LORD.
- 7 *Bread* without leaven shall be eaten the seven days; and nothing leavened shall be seen with thee, neither shall there be any leaven in all thy borders.
- 8 And thou shalt tell thy son in that day, saying, *This is done* because of that *which* the LORD did unto me when he brought me out of Egypt.
- 9 And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thy hand and for a memorial before thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought thee out of Egypt.
- 10 Thou shalt, therefore, keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.
- 11 ¶ And it shall be when the LORD shall have brought thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall have given it to thee,
- 12 that thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that opens the womb *and* in the same manner every firstborn that opens the wombs of thy animals; the males *shall be* the LORD's.
- 13 And every firstborn of an ass thou shalt ransom with a lamb; and if thou wilt not ransom it, then thou shalt cut off its head; and in the same manner thou shalt ransom all the human firstborn among thy sons.

14 And it shall be when thy son asks thee in time to come, saying, What *is* this? Thou shalt say unto him, With a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery;

15 and it came to pass when Pharaoh was hardening himself to not let us go that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt from the human firstborn to the firstborn of the beast; therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD every male that opens the womb, and I ransom every firstborn of my sons.

16 And it shall be for a token upon thy hand, and for a memorial before thine eyes: That the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand.

17 ¶ And it came to pass when Pharaoh had let the people go that God did not lead them *through* the way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt;

18 but God led the people round about *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the sons of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses also took the bones of Joseph with him, who had made the sons of Israel swear, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away from here with you.

20 And they took their journey from Succoth and encamped in Etham in the edge of the wilderness.

21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them in the way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light that they might walk by day and by night.

22 He never took away the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night *from* before the people.

Exodus 14

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the sons of Israel that they turn and set up their camp before Pihahiroth between Migdol and the sea over against Baalzephon; before it shall ye set up camp by the sea.

3 For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, They *are* entangled in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.

4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart that he shall follow after them; and I will be glorified in Pharaoh and in all his host; and the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD. And they did so.

5 And it was told the king of Egypt how the people fled; and the heart of Pharaoh and of his slaves was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

6 And he made ready his chariot and took his people with him;

7 and he took six hundred chosen chariots and all the chariots of Egypt and the captains over them.

8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he pursued after the sons of Israel, but the sons of Israel had already left with great power.

9 The Egyptians, nevertheless, pursued after them with all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen, and all his army, and overtook them setting up camp by the sea beside Pihahiroth before Baalzephon.

10 ¶ And when Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they feared greatly, and the sons of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

11 And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why hast thou dealt thus with us, to bring us forth out of Egypt?

12 *Is this not what we told thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.*

13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still and see the saving health of the LORD, which he will bestow on you today; for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall never see them again for ever.

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall be still.

15 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Why criest thou unto me? Speak unto the sons of Israel that they go forward:

16 And lift up thy rod and stretch out thy hand over the sea and divide it; and the sons of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.

17 And behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians that they shall follow them: and I will be glorified in Pharaoh and in all his host, in his chariots, and in his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have glorified myself in Pharaoh, in his chariots, and in his horsemen.

19 And the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and likewise the pillar of cloud went from before their face and stood behind them.

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness *to them*, but it lit up the night *unto Israel*; and all that night the one *side* never came near the other.

21 ¶ And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided.

22 Then the sons of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*; and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand and on their left.

23 And the Egyptians pursued and went in after them to the midst of the sea, *even* all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass that in the morning watch the LORD looked at the camp of the Egyptians in the pillar of fire and of cloud and troubled the camp of the Egyptians

25 and took off their chariot wheels and overturned them grievously, so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.

26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thy hand over the sea that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned in its strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots and the horsemen *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

29 But the sons of Israel walked upon dry *land* in the midst of the sea; and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

31 And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did against the Egyptians; and the people feared the LORD and believed the LORD and his slave Moses.

Exodus 15

1 ¶ Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song unto the LORD and spoke, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

2 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and he is become my saving health; he *is* my God, and I will prepare him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The LORD *is* a man of war; the LORD *is* his name.

4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host he has cast into the sea; his chosen princes also are drowned in the Red Sea.

5 The depths have covered them; they sank into the bottom as a stone.

6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power; thy right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces.

7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown those that rose up against thee; thou didst send forth thy wrath, *which* consumed them as stubble.

8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a heap, *and* the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my soul shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them. They sank as lead in the mighty waters.

11 Who *is* like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who *is* like thee, magnificent in holiness, fearful *in* praises, doing wonders?

12 Thou didst stretch out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people *which* thou hast redeemed; thou hast guided *them* in thy strength unto the habitation of thy holiness.

14 The peoples shall hear *and* be afraid; sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Philistia.

15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling, shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be *as* still as a stone, until thy people pass over, O LORD, until the people pass over, *which* thou hast purchased.

17 Thou shalt bring them in and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, *in* the place of thy dwelling which thou hast made ready, O LORD, *in* the Sanctuary of the Lord, *which* thy hands have established.

18 The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

19 For Pharaoh went in on horseback with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the sons of Israel went on dry *land* in the midst of the sea.

20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

22 ¶ So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they *were* bitter; therefore the name of it was called Marah.

24 Then the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD showed him a tree, which when he had cast *it* into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There he gave them statutes and rights, and there he proved them

26 and said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God and wilt do that which is right in his sight and wilt give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I *am* the LORD thy Healer.

27 And they came to Elim, where *there were* twelve fountains of water and seventy palm trees; and they encamped there by the waters.

Exodus 16

1 ¶ And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which *is* between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole congregation of the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness;

3 and the sons of Israel said unto them, It would have been better if we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots *and* when we ate bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather the word for every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or not.

5 And it shall come to pass that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in, which shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 Then Moses and Aaron said unto all the sons of Israel, At evening ye shall know that the LORD has brought you out from the land of Egypt;

7 And in the morning ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for he has heard your murmurings against the LORD; and what *are* we, that ye murmur against us?

8 And Moses said, *This shall be* when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD has heard your murmurings which ye have murmured against him; and what *are* we? Your murmurings *are* not against us, but against the LORD.

9 And Moses spoke unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the sons of Israel, Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass as Aaron spoke unto the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel; speak unto them, saying, Between the two evenings ye shall eat flesh, and tomorrow ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.

13 ¶ And it came to pass, that in the evening quail came up, and covered the camp; and in the morning the dew descended round about the host.

14 And when the dew ceased to descend, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* a small round thing *as* small as the hoar frost on the ground.

15 And when the sons of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, *It is* manna (*What is it?*): for they did not know what it *was*. Then Moses said unto them, *This is* the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.

16 *This is* the thing which the LORD has commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for each one, *according to* the number of your persons; take ye each one for *those* who *are* in his tent.

17 And the sons of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less.

18 And when they did measure *it* with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered each one according to his eating.

19 And Moses said, Let no one leave of it until the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they did not hearken unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms and stank; and Moses was angry with them.

21 And they gathered it early in the morning, each one according to his eating; and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

22 ¶ And it came to pass *that* on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one; and all the princes of the congregation came and told Moses.

23 And he said unto them, *This is* what the LORD has said, Tomorrow *is* the holy sabbath of rest unto the LORD; bake *that* which ye will bake *today* and cook what ye will cook; and that which remains over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

24 And they laid it up until the morning as Moses bade; and it did not stink, neither was there any worm in it.

25 And Moses said, Eat that today; for today *is* a sabbath unto the LORD; today ye shall not find it in the field.

26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, *which is* the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

27 And it came to pass that *some* of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, and they found none.

28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

29 See that the LORD has given you the sabbath; therefore, he gives you the bread of two days on the sixth day; abide ye every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of Israel called its name Manna; and it *was* like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.

32 ¶ And Moses said, This *is* what the LORD has commanded, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your descendants, that they may see the bread with which I have fed you in the wilderness when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot and put an omer full of manna in it and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your descendants.

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

35 Thus the sons of Israel ate manna forty years until they came to a land inhabited; they ate manna until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

36 Now an omer *is* the tenth *part* of an ephah.

Exodus 17

1 ¶ And all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and set up camp in Rephidim; and *there was* no water for the people to drink.

2 And the people chided with Moses and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? Why do ye tempt the LORD?

3 So the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses and said, Why hast thou brought us up out of Egypt to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?

4 Then Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people and take with thee of the elders of Israel and thy rod, with which thou didst smite the river take in thine hand and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb, and thou shalt smite the rock, and water shall come out of it that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah because of the chiding of the sons of Israel and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

8 ¶ Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men and go out, fight with Amalek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; but when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 And Moses' hands *were* heavy, so they took a stone and put *it* under him, and he sat upon it; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the

one side and the other on the other side; thus his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua disabled Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this *for* a memorial in the book and tell Joshua that I must utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it The LORD is my Banner, {YHWH-nissi}

16 for he said, Because *Amalek lifted* his hand against the throne of the LORD, the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation.

Exodus 18

1 ¶ When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done with Moses and with Israel his people *and* how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt,

2 then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,

3 and her two sons, of which the name of the one *was* Gershon, for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land,

4 and the name of the other *was* Eliezer, for the God of my father, *said he*, helped me and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh;

5 and Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he was camped next to the mount of God;

6 and he said unto Moses, I, thy father-in-law Jethro, am come unto thee and thy wife and her two sons with her.

7 ¶ And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and did obeisance and kissed him; and they asked each other of *their* peace; and they came into the tent.

8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake *and* all the travail that had come upon them in the way and *how* the LORD delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 And Jethro said, Blessed *be* the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that the LORD *is* greater than all gods; for in the thing in which they dealt proudly *he prevailed* against them.

12 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took burnt offerings and sacrifices for God; and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

13 ¶ And it came to pass another day that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood before Moses from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What *is* this that thou doest to the people? Why sittest thou thyself alone and all the people stand before thee from morning unto evening?

15 And Moses said unto his father-in-law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God.

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I declare unto *them* the statutes of God and his laws.

17 Then Moses' father-in-law said unto him, The thing that thou doest *is* not good.

18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou and this people that *is* with thee; for this thing *is* too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people before God that thou may submit the causes unto God.

20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws and shalt show them the way in which they must walk and the work that they must do.

21 Moreover thou shalt consider out of all the people men of virtue, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place princes over them, of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.

22 And let them judge the people at all seasons; and it shall be *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge, so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.

23 If thou shalt do this thing and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

25 And Moses chose men of virtue out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, princes over thousands, over hundreds, over fifties, and over tens.

26 And they judged the people at all seasons; the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27 And Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went to his own land.

Exodus 19

1 ¶ In the third month from when the sons of Israel had gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day they came *into* the wilderness of Sinai.

2 For they had departed from Rephidim and were come *to* the desert of Sinai and had pitched in the wilderness, and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel:

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will give ear to hearken unto my voice and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a special treasure unto me above all peoples; for all the earth *is* mine.

6 And ye shall be my kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the sons of Israel.

7 Then Moses came and called for the elders of the people and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8 And all the people answered together and said, All that the LORD has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

9 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, I come unto thee in a thick cloud that the people may hear when I speak with thee and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes

11 and be ready for the third day; for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves *that ye go not* up into the mount or touch the border of it; whoever touches the mount shall surely die:

13 Not a hand shall touch it, but that he shall surely be stoned or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live. When the jubilee sounds long, they shall come up to the mount.

14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day; come not at *your* women.

16 ¶ And it came to pass on the third day when the morning came, that there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud upon the mount and the voice of the shofar {ram's horn} exceeding loud, so that all the people that were in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the lower part of the mount.

18 And all Mount Sinai smoked because the LORD had descended upon it in fire, and its smoke ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And the voice of the shofar sounded long and waxed louder and louder; Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice.

20 And the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mount, and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount, and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people lest they break through *the bounds* to gaze upon the LORD, and many of them perish.

22 And also let the priests who come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves lest the LORD break forth upon them.

23 And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for thou hast charged us, saying, Set bounds about the mount and sanctify it.

24 And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou and Aaron with thee, but let not the priests and the people break through *the bounds* to come up unto the LORD lest he break forth upon them.

25 So Moses went down unto the people and spoke unto them.

Exodus 20

- 1 ¶ And God spoke all these words, saying,
- 2 I *am* the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt out of the house of slavery.
- 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above or that *is* in the earth beneath nor that *is* in the water under the earth.
- 5 Thou shalt not bow down to them nor serve them; for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons unto the third and fourth generation of those that hate me
- 6 and showing mercy unto thousands *of generations* of those that love me and keep my commandments.
- 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain for the LORD will not hold guiltless anyone that takes his name in vain.
- 8 Thou shalt remember the sabbath day, to sanctify it.
- 9 Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work;
- 10 but the seventh day *shall be* the sabbath of the LORD thy God; *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manslave, nor thy maidslave, nor thy beast, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates;
- 11 for *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them and rested the seventh day; therefore, the LORD blessed the sabbath day and sanctified it.
- 12 ¶ Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be lengthened upon the land which the LORD thy God gives thee.
- 13 Thou shalt not murder.
- 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 15 Thou shalt not steal.
- 16 Thou shalt not give false testimony against thy neighbour.
- 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manslave, nor his maidslave, nor his ox, nor his

ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

18 ¶ And all the people saw the thunderings and the lightnings and the noise of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us lest we die.

20 Then Moses said unto the people, Fear not, for God is come to prove you and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 Then the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God *was*.

22 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the sons of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

23 Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

24 An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings and thy peace offerings, thy sheep and thine oxen; in whatever place where I cause my name to be remembered, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone; for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto my altar that thy nakedness not be discovered thereon.

Exodus 21

1 ¶ Now these *are* the rights which thou shalt set before them.

2 If thou should buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

3 If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he was married, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his master has given him a wife, and she has born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.

5 And if the slave shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free.

6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him forever.

7 And if a man should sell his daughter to be a maidslave, she shall not go out as the menslaves do.

8 If she pleases not her master, who therefore took her not unto himself to wife, then it is permitted that she be ransomed; and he may not sell her unto a strange nation when he rejects her.

9 And if he has betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

10 If he takes another *wife*, her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, he shall not diminish.

11 And if he does not do these three *things* unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

12 ¶ He that smites a man so that he dies shall be surely put to death.

13 And if a man did not lie in wait but God delivered *him* into his hand, then I will appoint thee a place where he shall flee.

14 But if a man comes presumptuously upon his neighbour to slay him with prudence, thou shalt take him from my altar that he may die.

15 And he that smites his father or his mother shall be surely put to death.

16 Likewise he that steals a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 In the same manner he that curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

18 And if men strive together and one smites another with a stone or with *his* fist and he dies not, but keeps *his* bed,

19 if he rises again and walks abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote *him* be absolved, only he shall pay *for* the loss of his time and shall cause *him* to be thoroughly healed.

20 And if a man smites his slave or his maid with a rod and he dies under his hand, he shall be surely punished.

21 Notwithstanding, if he continues a day or two, he shall not be punished, for he *is* his money.

22 ¶ If men strive and hurt a woman with child so that she aborts but without death, he shall be surely punished according as the woman's husband will lay upon him, and he shall pay by the judges.

23 And if there is death, then thou shalt pay life for life,

24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 And if someone smites the eye of their slave or the eye of their maid that it perishes, he shall let them go free for their eye's sake.

27 And if he smites out his manslave's tooth or his maids slave's tooth, he shall let them go free for their tooth's sake.

28 If an ox gores a man or a woman that they die, then the ox shall surely be stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox *shall be* absolved.

29 But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past and it has been testified to his owner, and he has not kept him in, but that he has killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

30 If there is laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life whatever is laid upon him.

31 Whether it has gored a son or has gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him.

32 If the ox shall gore a manslave or a maids slave, he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 And if someone shall open a pit or if someone shall dig a pit and not cover it and an ox or an ass falls in it,

34 the owner of the pit shall make *it* good *and* give money unto their owner, and the dead *beast* shall be his.

35 And if one man's ox hurts another's that he dies; then they shall sell the live ox and divide the money of it, and the dead ox they shall also divide.

36 Or if it is known that the ox used to push in time past and his owner has not kept him in, he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead shall be his own.

Exodus 22

1 ¶ If a man shall steal an ox or a sheep and kill it or sell it he shall restore five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a sheep.

2 If a thief is found breaking into a house and is smitten so he dies, *he that killed him* shall not be guilty of his blood.

3 If the sun is risen upon him, *he that killed him* is guilty of his blood; *the thief* should make full restitution; if he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

4 If he is found with the theft in his hand, whether it be ox or ass or sheep, he shall restore double.

5 If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten and shall put in his beast and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field and of the best of his own vineyard shall he make restitution.

6 When fires are lit and in burning the thorns burn also the stacks of sheaves or the standing grain, or the field is consumed; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 ¶ When a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house; if the thief is found, let him pay double.

8 If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges *to see* whether he has put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.

9 For all manner of fraud, *whether it be* for an ox, for an ass, for a sheep, for raiment, *or* for any manner of lost thing, which *another* challenges to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; *and* whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

10 If a man delivers unto his neighbour an ass or an ox or a sheep or any beast to keep, and it dies or is hurt or driven away, no man seeing *it*,

11 *then* shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he has not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods, and the owner of it shall accept *thereof*, and he shall not make *it* good.

12 And if it is stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto its owner.

13 If it is torn in pieces, *then* let him bring witness, *and* he shall not make good that which was torn.

14 And if anyone borrows *anything* of his neighbour, and it is hurt or dies, its owner not *being* with it, he shall surely make *it* good.

15 *But* if its owner *is* with it, he shall not make *it* good; if it *was* hired, it came for its hire.

16 ¶ If a man should entice a virgin that is not betrothed and lie with her, he shall surely endow her and *take her* to be his wife.

17 If her father utterly refuses to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

18 Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

19 Whoever lies with a beast shall surely be put to death.

20 He that sacrifices unto *any* god, except unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

21 Thou shalt neither mistreat a stranger nor oppress him; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 Ye shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child.

23 If thou afflict them in any manner, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;

24 and my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 ¶ If thou should lend money to my people, to the poor *who is* with thee, thou shalt not be to him as a usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

26 If thou at all take thy neighbour's clothing as a pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him before the sun goes down;

27 for only that *is* his covering, it *is* his clothing to *cover* his flesh, in which he must sleep; and it shall come to pass, when he cries unto me, that I will hear, for I *am* merciful.

28 Thou shalt not revile the judges nor curse the prince of thy people.

29 Thou shalt not delay *to offer* the first of thy ripe fruits and of thy liquors; the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

30 Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen *and* with thy sheep; seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it *to* me.

31 And ye shall be holy men unto me; neither shall ye eat *any* flesh *that is* torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs.

Exodus 23

- 1 ¶ Thou shalt not admit a false rumour; put not thine hand with the wicked to be a false witness.
- 2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to *do* evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause hiding behind many to wrest *judgment*;
- 3 neither shalt thou honour a poor man in his cause.
- 4 If thou should encounter thine enemy's ox or his ass astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.
- 5 If thou see the ass of him that hates thee lying under his burden, will thou forbear to help him? Thou shalt surely help him to raise it up.
- 6 Thou shalt not pervert the rights of thy poor in his cause.
- 7 Keep thee far from a false matter; and slay thou not the innocent and righteous; for I will not justify the wicked.
- 8 And thou shalt take no bribe; for the bribe blinds the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.
- 9 Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger, for ye know the *state of the* soul of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.
- 10 ¶ And six years thou shalt sow thy land and shalt gather in its increase,
- 11 but the seventh *year* thou shalt leave it *free* and release it, that the poor of thy people may eat, and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard *and* with thy oliveyard.
- 12 Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest, that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid and the stranger may be refreshed.
- 13 And in all *things* that I have said unto you, be circumspect and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.
- 14 Three times thou shalt celebrate a feast unto me in the year:
- 15 Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib, for in it thou didst come out from Egypt; and none shall appear before me empty),

16 And the feast of the harvest of the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field, and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my lamb remain until the morning.

19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not boil a kid in his mother's milk.

20 ¶ Behold, I send the Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

21 Keep thyself before him and hear his voice, grieve him not; for he will not pardon your rebellion, for my name *is* in him.

22 But if thou shalt indeed hear his voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies and an adversary unto those that afflict thee.

23 For my Angel shall go before thee and bring thee in unto *the land of* the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Canaanite the Hivite and the Jebusite; and I will cut them off.

24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works; but thou shalt utterly overthrow them and completely break down their images.

25 But ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread and thy water; and I will take *all* sickness away from the midst of thee.

26 No women shall abort, nor be barren, in thy land; the number of thy days I will fulfil.

27 I will send my fear before thee and will trouble all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

28 And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before thee.

29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field multiply against thee.

30 Little by little I will drive them out from before thee until thou be multiplied and take the land by inheritance.

31 And I will set thy borders from the Red Sea even unto the sea of the Philistines and from the desert unto the river; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and *thou* shalt drive them out before thee.

32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

33 They shall not dwell in thy land lest peradventure they make thee sin against me *by* serving their gods, for it will be a snare unto thee.

Exodus 24

1 ¶ And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship afar off.

2 And Moses alone shall approach the LORD, but they shall not come near; neither shall the people go up with him.

3 And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rights, and all the people answered with one voice and said, All the words which the LORD has said we will do.

4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD and rose up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mount and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent the young men of the sons of Israel, who had offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of bullocks unto the LORD.

6 And Moses took half of the blood and put *it* in basins, and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7 And he took the book of the covenant and read in the audience of the people, and they said, All that the LORD has said we will do, and we will hear.

8 Then Moses took the blood and sprinkled *it* on the people and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you concerning all these words.

9 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel went up,

10 and they saw the God of Israel; and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone like unto the heaven when it is clear.

11 But he did not lay his hand upon the princes of the sons of Israel, and they saw God and ate and drank.

12 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount and wait there, and I will give thee tables of stone and the law and commandments which I have written to teach them.

13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua, and Moses went up into the mount of God.

14 And he said unto the elders, wait here for us until we come again unto you; and, behold, Aaron and Hur *are* with you; if anyone has any matters to settle, let him come unto them.

15 Then Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

16 And the glory of the LORD abode upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days, and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the sons of Israel.

18 And Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mount, and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 25

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the sons of Israel that they bring me an offering; of every man that gives it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.
3 And this *shall be* the offering which ye shall take of them: gold and silver and brass
4 and blue and purple and scarlet and fine linen and goats' *hair*
5 and rams' skins dyed red and badgers' skins and cedar wood,
6 oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense,
7 onyx stones and stones to be set in the ephod and in the pectoral.
8 And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.
9 According to all that I show thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its vessels, even so shall ye make *it*.
10 ¶ And they shall make an ark *of* cedar wood; two cubits and a half *shall be* its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height.
11 And thou shalt cover it with pure gold; within and without shalt thou cover it and shalt make upon it a moulding of gold round about.
12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it and put *them* in the four corners thereof, and two rings *shall be* in the one side of it and two rings in the other side of it.
13 And thou shalt make staves *of* cedar wood and overlay them with gold.
14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.
15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.
16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.
17 And thou shalt make a seat of reconciliation *of* pure gold; two cubits and a half *shall be* its length and a cubit and a half its breadth.
18 And thou shalt make two cherubim *of* gold; *of* beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the seat of reconciliation.

19 And make one cherub on the one end and the other cherub on the other end: *even* of the seat of reconciliation shall ye make the cherubim on the two ends thereof.

20 And the cherubim shall stretch forth *their* wings on high, covering the seat of reconciliation with their wings, and their faces *shall look* one to another; toward the seat of reconciliation shall the faces of the cherubim be.

21 And thou shalt put the seat of reconciliation above upon the ark, and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will speak with thee from above the seat of reconciliation, from between the two cherubim which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the sons of Israel.

23 ¶ Thou shalt likewise make a table of cedar wood; two cubits *shall be* its length and a cubit its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height.

24 And thou shalt cover it with pure gold and make a moulding of gold round about it.

25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of a handbreadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden moulding to its border round about.

26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold and put the rings in the four corners that *are* on the four feet thereof.

27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.

28 And thou shalt make the staves of cedar wood and cover them with gold, that the table may be borne with them.

29 And thou shalt make the dishes thereof and spoons thereof and covers thereof and bowls thereof to *cover the bread*; of pure gold shalt thou make them.

30 And thou shalt set the showbread upon the table before me always.

31 ¶ And thou shalt make a lampstand of pure gold; of beaten work shall the lampstand be made; its base and its branches, its bowls, its knops, and its flowers shall be of the same.

32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it, three branches of the lampstand out of the one side and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side,

33 three bowls made like unto almonds *with* a knop and a flower in one branch, and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch *with* a knop and a flower; thus in the six branches that come out of the lampstand.

34 And in the lampstand *shall be* four bowls made like unto almonds *with* their knops and their flowers.

35 And *there shall be* a knop under two branches of the same, and another knop under two branches of the same, and another knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the lampstand.

36 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same; all *of it shall be* one beaten work *of* pure gold.

37 And thou shalt make its seven lamps; and they shall light its lamps, that they may give light over against it.

38 And its tongs, and its snuffdishes, *shall be of* pure gold.

39 *Of* a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.

40 And look that thou make *them* after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount.

Exodus 26

1 ¶ Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains *of* fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet; *with* cherubim of cunning work shalt thou make them.

2 The length of one curtain *shall be* twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits; and all the curtains shall have one measure.

3 The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another, and the *other* five curtains *shall be* coupled one to another.

4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the border in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of *another* curtain in the coupling of the second.

5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the border of the curtain that *is* in the second coupling; that the loops may take hold one of another.

6 And thou shalt make fifty hooks of gold and couple the curtains together with the hooks; and it shall be one tabernacle.

7 ¶ Likewise thou shalt make curtains of goats' *hair* to be a covering over the tabernacle; eleven curtains shalt thou make.

8 The length of one curtain *shall be* thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits; and the eleven curtains *shall be all* of one measure.

9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.

10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain from the border in the coupling and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which couples the second.

11 And thou shalt make fifty hooks of brass and put the hooks into the loops and couple the tent together that it may be one.

12 And the remnant that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle.

13 And a cubit on the one side and a cubit on the other side of that which remains in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides

of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it.

14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed red and a covering above *of* badgers' skins.

15 ¶ And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle *of* cedar wood standing up.

16 Ten cubits *shall be* the length of a board, and a cubit and a half *shall be* the breadth of one board.

17 Two tenons *shall there be* in one board, set in order one against another; thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the side of the Negev to the south.

19 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under one board for its two tenons and two sockets under another board for its two tenons.

20 And for the second side of the tabernacle on the side of the Aquilon, {of the north wind} *there shall be* twenty boards

21 and their forty sockets *of* silver: two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board.

22 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward, thou shalt make six boards.

23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides,

24 and they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring; thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.

25 Thus they shall be eight boards, and their sockets *of* silver, sixteen sockets: two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board.

26 And thou shalt make five bars *of* cedar wood for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

27 five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.

28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end.

29 And thou shalt cover the boards with gold and make their rings *of* gold *for* places for the bars, and thou shalt also cover the bars with gold.

30 And thou shalt raise up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was showed thee in the mount.

31 ¶ And thou shalt also make a veil *of* blue, purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work; with cherubim shall it be made;

32 and thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of cedar covered with gold; their capitals *shall be of* gold upon four sockets of silver.

33 And thou shalt hang up the veil under the hooks, and thou shalt bring in there, inside the veil, the ark of the testimony; and that veil shall separate for you between the holy *place* and the holy of holies.

34 And thou shalt put the seat of reconciliation upon the ark of the testimony in the holy of holies.

35 And thou shalt set the table outside the veil, the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the Negev (*south desert*), and thou shalt put the table on the side of the Aquilon (*north wind*).

36 And thou shalt make a hanging for the door of the tabernacle *of* blue, purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen wrought with needlework.

37 And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of cedar and cover them with gold, *and* their capitals *shall be of* gold, and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

Exodus 27

1 ¶ Thou shalt also make an altar *of* cedar wood, five cubits long and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare, and its height *shall be* three cubits.

2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon its four corners; its horns shall be of the same, and thou shalt cover it with brass.

3 And thou shalt make its pans to receive *the ashes with* its *burnt* fat, and its shovels and its basins and its fleshhooks and its firepans; all the vessels thereof thou shalt make *of* brass.

4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of network *of* brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the four corners thereof.

5 And thou shalt put it under the circumference of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar.

6 Thou shalt also make staves for the altar, staves *of* cedar wood, and cover them with brass.

7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar to bear it.

8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it; as it was showed thee in the mount, so shall they make *it*.

9 ¶ In the same manner thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle; to the side of the Negev to the south *there shall be* hangings for the court *of* fine twined linen of one hundred cubits long for each side;

10 and its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets *shall be of* brass; the capitals of the pillars and their fillets *shall be of* silver.

11 And likewise for the side of the Aquilon in length *there shall be* hangings of one hundred *cubits* long, and its twenty pillars with their twenty sockets *of* brass, the capitals of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.

12 And *for* the breadth of the court on the west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

13 And the breadth of the court on the side of the rising *sun* to the east *shall be* fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of one side *of the gate shall be* fifteen cubits, their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And on the other side *shall be* hangings *of* fifteen cubits, their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 And at the gate of the court *there shall be* a hanging of twenty cubits *of* blue and purple and scarlet and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework; *and* their pillars *shall be* four and their sockets four.

17 All the pillars round about the court *shall be* filleted with silver; their capitals *shall be of* silver, and their sockets *of* brass.

18 The length of the court *shall be* one hundred cubits and the breadth fifty on the one side and fifty on the other and the height five cubits, *its hangings of* fine twined linen and their sockets *of* brass.

19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof and all the stakes thereof and all the stakes of the court, *shall be of* brass.

20 ¶ And thou shalt command the sons of Israel that they bring thee olive oil, clear, crushed, for the light, to cause the lamps to burn always.

21 In the tabernacle of the testimony outside the veil, which *shall be* before *the ark of* the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order them from evening to morning before the LORD; *it shall be* a perpetual statute of the sons of Israel for their generations.

Exodus 28

1 ¶ And cause Aaron, thy brother, to come unto thee with his sons, from among the sons of Israel, that they may be my priests, *even* Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron, thy brother, for honour and for beauty.

3 And thou shalt speak unto all *that are* wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the Spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to sanctify him, that he may be my priest.

4 And these *are* the garments which they shall make: the pectoral, the ephod, the robe, the brodered coat, the mitre, and the girdle. Therefore let them make the holy garments for Aaron, thy brother, and his sons, that they may be my priests.

5 And they shall take gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen,

6 ¶ and they shall make the ephod of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

7 It shall have its two shoulderpieces joined at the two edges thereof, and so it shall be joined together.

8 And the special girdle of the ephod, which *shall be* over it, shall be of its same workmanship, of the same *materials*: of gold, blue, purple, scarlet and fine twined linen.

9 And thou shalt take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel:

10 Six of their names on one stone and *the other* six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth.

11 With the work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a seal, shalt thou engrave those two stones with the names of the sons of Israel; thou shalt make them to be set in settings of gold.

12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod *for* stones of memorial unto the sons of Israel, and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

13 And thou shalt make the settings *of* gold

14 and two small chains *of* pure gold; *of* wreathen work shalt thou make them and fasten the wreathen chains to the settings.

15 ¶ And in the same manner thou shalt make the pectoral of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it, *of* gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and *of* fine twined linen.

16 It shall be square and double; a span *shall be* the length thereof, and a span *shall be* the breadth thereof.

17 And thou shalt fill it with four rows of stones; The order *shall be* a ruby, an emerald, and a chrysolite; *this shall be* the first order.

18 And the second order *shall be* a carbuncle, a sapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third order, a topaz, a turquoise, and an amethyst.

20 And the fourth row a tarshish (*or beryl*) and an onyx and a jasper; they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.

21 And those stones shall be in agreement with the names of the sons of Israel, twelve, in agreement with their names; each one in agreement with his name like the engravings of a seal; they shall be according to the twelve tribes.

22 And thou shalt also make upon the pectoral small chains *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.

23 And thou shalt make upon the pectoral two rings of gold and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the pectoral.

24 And thou shalt put the two wreathen *chains* of gold in the two rings *which are* on the ends of the pectoral.

25 And *the other* two ends of the two wreathen *chains* thou shalt fasten in the two settings and put *them* on the shoulderpieces of the ephod on the front of it.

26 Thou shalt also make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the pectoral in the border thereof, which *is* in the side of the ephod inward.

27 Likewise two *other* rings of gold thou shalt make and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the front part thereof, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the special girdle of the ephod.

28 And they shall bind the pectoral by its rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that *it* may be above the special girdle of the ephod and

that the pectoral not be loosed from the ephod.

29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the pectoral of judgment upon his heart when he goes in unto the sanctuary for a memorial before the LORD continually.

30 And thou shalt put in the pectoral of judgment Urim and Thummim, that they shall be upon Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD; and Aaron shall always bear the judgment of the sons of Israel upon his heart before the LORD.

31 ¶ And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all *of* blue.

32 And it shall have the collar of his head in the midst thereof, which shall have a binding of woven work round about it, as the collar of a habergeon, that it not be rent.

33 And *beneath* upon the hem of it, thou shalt make pomegranates *of* blue and *of* purple and *of* scarlet round about the hem thereof and bells of gold between them round about.

34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate upon the hem of the robe round about.

35 And it shall be upon Aaron to minister, and his sound shall be heard when he goes in unto the sanctuary before the LORD and when he comes out, that he not die.

36 Thou shalt also make an open flower *of* pure gold and engrave upon it the engravings of a seal, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD.

37 And thou shalt put it on with a blue lace that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.

38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the sons of Israel shall sanctify in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead that they may find grace before the LORD.

39 And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre *of* fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle *of* needlework.

40 ¶ And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats; thou shalt also make girdles for them, and tiaras shalt thou make for them, for honour and for beauty.

41 And with these thou shalt clothe Aaron, thy brother, and his sons with him and shalt anoint them and fill their hands and sanctify them that they may be my priests.

42 And thou shalt make them linen underwear to cover their nakedness; they shall reach from the loins even unto the thighs;

43 And they shall be upon Aaron and upon his sons when they enter into the tabernacle of the testimony or when they come near unto the altar to serve in the sanctuary that they not bear iniquity and die: *This shall be* a perpetual statute unto him and his seed after him.

Exodus 29

1 ¶ And this is what thou shalt do unto them to sanctify them that they shall be my priests: Take one young bullock and two perfect rams

2 and unleavened bread and unleavened cakes tempered with oil and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, which thou shalt make of wheat flour.

3 And thou shalt put them into a basket and offer them in the basket with the bullock and the two rams.

4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony and shalt wash them with water.

5 And thou shalt take the garments and clothe Aaron with the coat and the robe of the ephod and the ephod and the pectoral and gird him with the special girdle of the ephod;

6 and thou shalt put the mitre upon his head and put the crown of holiness upon the mitre.

7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil and pour *it* upon his head and anoint him.

8 And thou shalt bring his sons and put coats upon them.

9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and bind the tiaras on them; and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute; and thou shalt fill the hands Aaron and his sons.

10 And thou shalt cause the bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the testimony, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock.

11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD *by* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock and put *it* upon the horns of the altar with thy finger and pour all the *remaining* blood beside the bottom of the altar.

13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covers the intestines and the caul *that is* above the liver and the two kidneys and the fat that *is* upon them and burn *them* upon the altar.

14 But the flesh of the bullock and his skin and his dung shalt thou burn with fire outside the camp; *it is sin.*

15 Thou shalt likewise take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood and sprinkle *it* round about upon the altar.

17 And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces and wash his intestines and his legs and put *them* upon his pieces and upon his head.

18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: *it is a burnt offering unto the LORD: it is a sweet savour, an offering on fire unto the LORD.*

19 And thou shalt take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

20 Then shalt thou kill the ram and take of his blood and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron and upon the tip of the right ears of his sons and upon the thumb of their right hands and upon the great toe of their right feet and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

21 And thou shalt take of the blood that *shall be* upon the altar and of the anointing oil and sprinkle *it* upon Aaron and upon his garments and upon his sons and upon their garments, and he shall be sanctified, and his garments and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

22 Then thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the tail and the fat that covers the intestines and the caul *above* the liver and the two kidneys and the fat that *is* upon them and the right shoulder, for *it is a ram of consecrations,*

23 Also one *large* loaf of bread and one cake of oiled bread and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that *is* before the LORD;

24 and thou shalt put all *this* in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons and shalt lift them up and wave them before the LORD.

25 Then thou shalt take them from their hands and burn *them* upon the altar upon the burnt offering, for a sweet savour before the LORD. *It is an offering on fire unto the LORD.*

26 And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of the consecrations, which is of Aaron and wave it *for* a waved *offering* before the LORD; and it shall be thy part.

27 And thou shalt set apart the breast of the waved offering and the shoulder of the sanctification, *that* which was waved and *that* which was sanctified of the ram of the consecrations of Aaron and of his sons;

28 and it shall be for Aaron and for his sons by a perpetual statute of the sons of Israel, for it *is* something set apart, and it shall be set apart of the sons of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings; it *shall be* something of theirs set apart unto the LORD.

29 And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed with them and to be consecrated with them.

30 And for seven days the priest of his sons, who in his stead shall come into the tabernacle of the testimony, shall put them on to serve in the sanctuary.

31 And thou shalt take the ram of the consecrations and cook his flesh in the holy place.

32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread that *is* in the basket by the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

33 And they shall eat those things with which they were reconciled, to fill their hands to be sanctified; but a stranger shall not eat *thereof* because they *are* holiness.

34 And if any of the flesh of the consecrations or of the bread remains unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it *is* holiness.

35 And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron and to his sons, according to all the things which *I* have commanded thee; for seven days shalt thou consecrate them.

36 And thou shalt sacrifice a bullock every day for reconciliation of sin; and thou shalt remove the sin from the altar, and thou shalt anoint it to sanctify it.

37 For seven days thou shalt reconcile the altar and sanctify it; and it shall be a most holy altar; whatever touches the altar shall be *made* holy.

38 ¶ Now this *is that* which thou shalt offer upon the altar: two lambs of the first year every day continually.

39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning, and the other lamb thou shalt offer at evening.

40 Moreover a tenth *ephah* of flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil and the fourth part of a hin of wine with each lamb.

41 And thou shalt offer the other lamb at evening, doing according to the present of the morning and according to its drink offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering on fire unto the LORD.

42 This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your ages at the door of the tabernacle of the testimony before the LORD, where I will concert with you, to speak there unto you.

43 And there I will testify of myself unto the sons of Israel, and *the place* shall be sanctified with my glory.

44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the testimony and the altar; I will *likewise* sanctify both Aaron and his sons that they may be my priests.

45 And I will dwell among the sons of Israel and shall be their God.

46 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them; I *am* the LORD your God.

Exodus 30

1 ¶ In the same manner thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon; *of* cedar wood shalt thou make it.

2 Its length *shall be* a cubit and its width a cubit; it shall be square and its height two cubits; its horns *shall be* of the same.

3 And thou shalt cover it with pure gold, its top and its sides round about, and its horns; and thou shalt make unto it a moulding of gold round about.

4 And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under its moulding by its two corners on both sides for places for the staves to bear it with.

5 And thou shalt make the staves *of* cedar wood and cover them with gold.

6 And thou shalt put it before the veil that *is* by the ark of the testimony, before the seat of reconciliation that *is* over the testimony, where I will testify unto thee of myself.

7 And Aaron shall burn sweet incense thereon every morning; when he dresses the lamps, he shall burn it.

8 And when Aaron lights the lamps at evening, he shall burn incense upon it continually before the LORD throughout your ages.

9 Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon nor burnt sacrifice nor present; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon.

10 And Aaron shall make reconciliation upon the horns of it once a year with the blood of the reconciliation for sin; once a year shall he make reconciliation upon it throughout your ages; it *shall be* most holy unto the LORD.

11 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

12 When thou takest the number of the sons of Israel after the sum of them, each one shall give a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou dost number them, that there be no mortality in them because of numbering them.

13 This shall be given by every one that passes among those that are numbered: half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary (a shekel *is* twenty gerahs); a half shekel *shall be* the offering to the LORD.

14 Anyone that passes among those that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give the offering unto the LORD.

15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when *they* give the offering unto the LORD to make reconciliation for your souls.

16 And thou shalt take the reconciliation money of the sons of Israel and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the testimony, and it shall be a memorial unto the sons of Israel before the LORD to reconcile your souls.

17 ¶ And the LORD spoke further unto Moses, saying,

18 Thou shalt also make a laver *of* brass, and its base *also of* brass, to wash *with*; and thou shalt place it between the tabernacle of the testimony and the altar, and thou shalt put water in it.

19 And from it Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet.

20 When they go into the tabernacle of the testimony, they shall wash with water that they not die, or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn the offering unto the LORD that must be consumed by fire,

21 they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they not die. And he and his seed shall have *it* as a perpetual statute throughout their generations.

22 ¶ The LORD spoke further unto Moses, saying,

23 Thou must take unto thee of the principal spices: of excellent myrrh five hundred *shekels* and of aromatic cinnamon half so much, *even* two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and of aromatic calamus two hundred and fifty *shekels*,

24 and of cassia five hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive one hin;

25 and thou shalt make of it the oil of the holy anointing, a superior ointment, after the art of the apothecary, which shall be the oil of the holy anointing.

26 And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the testimony with it and the ark of the testimony

27 and the table and all its vessels and the lampstand and its vessels and the altar of incense

28 and the altar of burnt offering with all its vessels and the laver and its base.

29 Thus thou shalt consecrate them, and they shall be most holy; whatever touches them shall be sanctified.

30 And thou shalt also anoint Aaron and his sons and sanctify them that *they* may be my priests.

31 And thou shalt speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, This shall be my oil of the holy anointing throughout your ages.

32 It shall not be poured upon man's flesh; neither shall ye make *any other* like it, after the composition of it; it *is* holy, *and* it shall be holy unto you.

33 Whoever compounds *any* like it and puts *any* of it upon a stranger shall be cut off from his people.

34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee aromas, stacte and onycha and aromatic galbanum and pure frankincense, of each in equal weight.

35 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure *and* holy;

36 and thou shalt beat *some* of it very small and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the testimony, where I will testify unto thee of myself. It shall be most holy unto you.

37 And *as for* the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves *another* according to the composition thereof: it shall be holiness unto thee for the LORD.

38 Whoever shall make *another* like unto that to smell it shall be cut off from his people.

Exodus 31

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;
3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and in intelligence and in science and in all manner of workmanship,
4 to devise cunning works, to work in gold and in silver and in brass,
5 and in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.
6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the desire of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom that they may make all that I have commanded thee:
7 The tabernacle of the testimony and the ark of the testimony and the seat of reconciliation that *shall be* upon it and all the vessels of the tabernacle
8 and the table and its vessels and the pure lampstand with all its vessels and the altar of incense,
9 and the altar of burnt offering with all its vessels and the laver and its base
10 and the clothes of service and the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons that they may be priests,
11 and the anointing oil and aromatic incense for the sanctuary; they shall do according to all that I have commanded thee.
12 ¶ And the LORD spoke further unto Moses, saying,
13 And thou shalt speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, With all this ye shall keep my sabbaths; for it *is* a sign between me and you throughout your ages; that ye may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.
14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it *is* holy unto you; those that defile it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.
15 Six days shall work be done; but the seventh, the sabbath of rest, *shall be* holy to the LORD; whoever does *any* work in the sabbath day shall surely be put to death.

16 Therefore the sons of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their ages *for* a perpetual covenant.

17 It *is* a sign between me and the sons of Israel for ever; for *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of the testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Exodus 32

1 ¶ And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron and said unto him, Rise up, make us gods which shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him.

2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me.

3 Then all the people broke off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears and brought *them* unto Aaron,

4 who took them from their hands and fashioned it with a graving tool and made of it a molten calf. Then they said, These *are* thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

5 And seeing this, Aaron built an altar before the *calf*; and Aaron made *a* proclamation and said, Tomorrow *shall be* a feast unto the LORD.

6 And they rose up early on the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink and rose up to play.

7 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go, descend; for thy people, which thou didst bring out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves*:

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made themselves a molten calf and have worshipped it and have sacrificed unto it and said, These *are* thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of *the* land of Egypt.

9 The LORD further said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and for certain it *is* a stiffnecked people.

10 Now therefore let me alone that my wrath may wax hot in them and consume them; and I will put thee over *a* great nation.

11 Then Moses grieved before the LORD his God and said, LORD, why shall thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

12 Why should the Egyptians speak and say, For evil did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains and to consume them from upon the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath and repent of the evil of thy people.

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy slaves, to whom thou didst swear by thine own self and hast said unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall take it for inheritance for ever.

14 Then the LORD repented of the evil which he said should be done unto his people.

15 ¶ And Moses turned and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony *were* in his hand; the tables *were* written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other *were* they written.

16 And the tables *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

17 And Joshua, hearing the noise of the people as they shouted, said unto Moses, *There is* a noise of war in the camp.

18 And he answered, *It is* not the voice of *those that* shout for mastery, neither *is it* the voice of *those that* cry for being overcome, *but* the noise of *those that* sing that I hear.

19 And it came to pass as soon as he came near unto the camp and he saw the calf and the dances, anger caused Moses to wax hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made and burnt *it* in the fire and ground *it* to powder and scattered *it* upon the waters and made the sons of Israel drink *it*.

21 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people *do* unto thee that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

22 And Aaron answered, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot; thou knowest the people that they *are inclined* to evil.

23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us, for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what is become of him.

24 And I answered unto them, Whoever has any gold, let them break *it* off. So they gave *it to* me and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out.

25 And when Moses saw that the people *were* naked (for Aaron had made them naked unto *their* shame among their enemies),

26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, Who *is* on the LORD's side? *Come* unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

27 And he said unto them, Thus hath the LORD God of Israel said, Put every man his sword by his side *and* go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp and slay each one his brother and his companion and his neighbour.

28 And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses, and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

29 Then Moses had said, Today you have consecrated yourselves to the LORD, for each one *has consecrated* in his son and in his brother, that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 ¶ And it came to pass on the next day that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin, but now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make reconciliation for your sin.

31 Then Moses returned unto the LORD and said, I pray thee, *for*, this people *who* have sinned a great sin and have made themselves gods of gold,

32 that thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me now out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the LORD answered unto Moses, Whoever has sinned against me, this one will *I* blot out of my book.

34 Therefore go now, lead the people unto *the place* of which I have spoken unto thee; behold, my Angel shall go before thee; nevertheless in the day of my visitation *I* will visit their sin in them.

35 And the LORD smote the people because they had made the calf, which Aaron formed.

Exodus 33

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart *and* go up from here, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt unto the land which I swore unto Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it.

2 (And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.)

3 Unto the land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou *art* a stiffnecked people lest I consume thee in the way.

4 And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned, and no one put on their ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the sons of Israel, Ye *are* a stiffnecked people; I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment and consume thee; therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee that I may know what to do unto thee.

6 Then the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments from Mount Horeb *on*.

7 ¶ And Moses took the tabernacle and pitched it outside the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of the testimony. And it came to pass *that* every one who sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the testimony, which was outside the camp.

8 And it came to pass when Moses would go out unto the tabernacle, *that* all the people would rise up and stand each one *at* the door of their tent, with their gaze following Moses until he was gone into the tabernacle.

9 And when Moses would enter into the tabernacle, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the* LORD would talk with Moses.

10 And when all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand *at* the tabernacle door, all the people would rise up, each one in the door of their tent, and worship.

11 And the LORD would speak unto Moses face to face, as anyone would speak unto their friend. And he would turn again into the camp, but his

servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart out of the tabernacle.

12 ¶ And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring this people out, and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou saith, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight; and consider that this nation *is* thy people.

14 And he said, My presence {Heb. faces} shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.

15 And he said unto him, If thy presence {Heb. faces} is not to go before *us*, do not bring us out of here.

16 For in what shall it be known here that I have found grace in thy sight, I and thy people, but in that thou goest with us, and I and thy people will be separated from all the peoples that *are* upon the face of the earth?

17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken because thou hast found grace in my sight, and I have known thee by name.

18 Then he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory.

19 And he replied, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name that I AM before thee; and I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy and will show clemency on whom I will show clemency.

20 He further said, Thou canst not see my face; for no man shall see me and live.

21 And the LORD continued saying, Behold, *there is* a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon the rock;

22 and it shall come to pass while my glory passes by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock and will cover thee with my hand until I have passed by.

23 Then I will take away my hand, and thou shalt see my back parts, but my face {Heb. faces} shall not be seen.

Exodus 34

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew two tables of stone like unto the first; and I will write upon *these* tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou didst break.

2 And be ready for tomorrow and come up in the morning unto Mount Sinai and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.

3 And no man shall come up with thee; neither let anyone be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the sheep nor the cows feed before the mount.

4 And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and Moses rose up early in the morning and went up unto Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

5 ¶ And the LORD descended in *a* cloud and was with him there proclaiming the name of I AM.

6 And as the LORD passed by before him, he proclaimed, I AM, I AM strong, merciful, and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in mercy and truth,

7 keeping mercy for thousands, letting go of iniquity and rebellion and sin; and by no means will I absolve *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons and upon the sons' sons, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.

8 Then Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth and worshipped.

9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us, for this *is* a stiffnecked people, and forgive our iniquity and our sin and possess us.

10 ¶ And he said, Behold, I make a covenant before all thy people: I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom thou *art* shall see the work of the LORD; for it *shall be* a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

11 Keep that which I command thee this day; behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

12 Keep thyself lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where thou must enter lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee;

13 but ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves;

14 for thou shalt worship no other god; for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God.

15 Therefore thou shalt not make a covenant with the inhabitants of that land because they shall fornicate after their gods and do sacrifice unto their gods, and they shall call thee, and thou shalt eat of their sacrifices

16 or take of their daughters unto thy sons, and *when* their daughters go fornicating after their gods *they shall* make thy sons also fornicate after their gods.

17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

18 ¶ The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib; for in the month Abib thou didst come out from Egypt.

19 All that opens the womb *is* mine; and every firstborn among thy livestock, *whether* of cow or of sheep, that is male.

20 But the firstborn of an ass thou shalt ransom with a lamb, and if thou ransom *him* not, then shalt thou cut off his head. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt ransom, and none shall appear before me empty.

21 Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt cease; in ploughing *time* and in harvest thou shalt cease.

22 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of the reaping of the wheat, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

23 Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the GOD *who is* Lord of all, the God of Israel.

24 For I will cast the Gentiles out of thy presence and enlarge thy borders; neither shall anyone covet thy land when thou shalt go up to be seen before the LORD thy God three times a year.

25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice upon anything leavened; neither shall *any* of the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.

26 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not cook a kid in his mother's milk.

27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words; for according to these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

28 ¶ And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

29 And it came to pass, as Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, while he came down from the mount, that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone after he had talked with him.

30 And when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come near him.

31 And Moses called them, and Aaron and all the princes of the congregation returned unto him, and Moses talked with them.

32 And afterward all the sons of Israel came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

34 But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out. And as he came out, he would speak unto the sons of Israel *that* which he was commanded.

35 And the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses that the skin of Moses' face shone, and Moses would put the veil upon his face again until he would go in to speak with him.

Exodus 35

1 ¶ And Moses gathered all the congregation of the sons of Israel together and said unto them, These *are* the words which the LORD has commanded that *ye* should do them.

2 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day shall be holy unto you, a sabbath of rest to the LORD; whoever does work therein shall die.

3 Ye shall kindle no fire in any of your habitations upon the sabbath day.

4 And Moses spoke unto all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, This *is* what the LORD commanded, saying,

5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD; whoever *is* of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD: gold, silver, brass;

6 blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen, goats' *hair*;

7 rams' skins dyed red, badgers' skins, cedar wood;

8 oil for the light, spices for anointing oil and for the aromatic incense;

9 onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the pectoral.

10 And everyone *that is* wise hearted among you shall come and make all that the LORD has commanded:

11 The tabernacle, its tent, and its covering, its hooks, and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets;

12 the ark and its staves, the seat of reconciliation, and the veil of the tent,

13 the table and its staves and all its vessels, and the showbread;

14 the lampstand also for the light and its vessels and its lamps, and the oil for the light;

15 and the altar of incense and its staves, and the anointing oil, and the aromatic incense, and the hanging for the door at the entrance of the tabernacle,

16 the altar of burnt offering with its brasen grate, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its base,

17 the hangings of the court, its pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court,

18 the stakes of the tabernacle and the stakes of the court, and their cords,

19 the clothing of service to minister in the sanctuary, *that is*, the holy garments of Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons to serve in the priesthood.

20 ¶ And all the congregation of the sons of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

21 And they came, every man whose heart stirred him up, and every one whose spirit made them willing, *and* they brought the LORD's offering for the work of the tabernacle of the testimony and for all his service and for the holy garments.

22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, *and* brought chains and earrings, rings and bracelets, and all jewels of gold; and anyone *that* offered an offering of gold unto the LORD.

23 Every man who had blue or purple or scarlet or fine linen or goats' *hair* or red skins of rams or badgers' skins brought *them*.

24 Anyone that offered an offering of silver or brass brought the offering unto the LORD; and every man, with whom was found cedar wood, brought it for all the work of the service.

25 And all the women that were wise hearted spun with their hands and brought that which they had spun: blue or purple or scarlet or fine linen.

26 And all the women whose heart lifted them up in wisdom spun goats' *hair*.

27 And the princes brought onyx stones and the stones to be set for the ephod and for the pectoral;

28 and *aromatic* spice and oil for the light and for the anointing oil and for the aromatic incense.

29 Of the sons of Israel, men and women, all that had a willing heart to bring for all the work, which the Lord had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses, brought a voluntary offering unto the LORD.

30 ¶ And Moses said unto the sons of Israel, See, the LORD has named Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

31 and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in intelligence, in science, and in all manner of workmanship;

32 to invent and devise, to work in gold and in silver and in brass,

33 and in the cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.

34 And he has put in his heart that he may teach, *both* he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35 And he has filled them with wisdom of heart to work all manner of work of the engraver and of the cunning workman and of the embroiderer, in blue and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver: that they may do any work, and invent every design.

Exodus 36

1 ¶ Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab and every wise hearted man unto whom the LORD gave wisdom and intelligence to know how to do all the work of the service of the sanctuary, all the things that the LORD had commanded.

2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab and every wise hearted man in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom and every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it;

3 and they took from the presence of Moses all the offering which the sons of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it *with*. And they brought yet unto him free will offerings every morning.

4 So much that all the wise men that wrought all the work of the sanctuary came every man from his work which they made,

5 and they spoke with Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the work of the ministry which the LORD commanded to make.

6 And Moses commanded it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing,

7 for they had abundant material for all the work; more than enough to make it *with*.

8 ¶ And everyone with a wise heart among those that wrought the work made the tabernacle of ten curtains *of* fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet, which they made of cunning work, *with* cherubim.

9 The length of one curtain *was* twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits; the curtains *were* all of one size.

10 And he coupled the five curtains one unto another; and *the other* five curtains he coupled one unto another.

11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain in the border in the coupling; likewise he made in the border of the second curtain in the coupling.

12 Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the second curtain in the border in the coupling, the loops in front of the

others.

13 And he made fifty hooks of gold and coupled the curtains one unto another with the hooks, so it became one tabernacle.

14 ¶ Likewise he made curtains of goats' *hair* for the tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains.

15 The length of one curtain *was* thirty cubits, and four cubits *was* the breadth of one curtain; the eleven curtains *were* of one size.

16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves.

17 And he made fifty loops upon the edge of the uttermost curtain in the coupling, and he made another fifty loops upon the edge of the other curtain in the coupling.

18 And he also made fifty hooks *of* brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

19 And he made a covering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed red, and *another* covering of badgers' skins above *that*.

20 And he made the boards for the tabernacle *of* cedar wood, standing up.

21 The length of each board *was* ten cubits, and the breadth one cubit and a half.

22 Each board had two tenons, equally distant one from another; thus did he make all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 He made, therefore, the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side towards the Negev.

24 He also made the forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards: two sockets under one board for its two tenons and two sockets under another board for its two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, on the side of the Aquilon, {the north wind} he made twenty boards,

26 with their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

27 And for the westward side of the tabernacle he made six boards.

28 And he made two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides,

29 which were coupled beneath and likewise coupled together above to a ring; thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

30 There were, therefore, eight boards; and their sockets *were* sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets.

31 And he also made bars of cedar wood: five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

32 and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the westward side.

33 And he made the middle bar to pass through the boards from the one end to the other.

34 And he covered the boards with gold and made their rings *of* gold for the bars to pass through and covered the bars with gold also.

35 ¶ Likewise he made the veil of blue and purple and scarlet and fine twined linen, which he made with cherubim of cunning work.

36 And for it he made four pillars of cedar and covered them with gold; their capitals *were of* gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver.

37 Likewise he made the veil for the tabernacle door *of* blue and purple and scarlet and fine twined linen, of needlework,

38 and its five pillars with their capitals; and he covered their heads and their fillets with gold; and their five sockets *he made* of brass.

Exodus 37

1 ¶ Bezaleel also made the ark *of* cedar wood; two cubits and a half *was* the length of it, a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it;

2 and he covered it with pure gold within and without and made a moulding of gold to it round about.

3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, *to be set* by the four corners of it: even two rings upon the one side of it and two rings upon the other side of it.

4 He also made the staves *of* cedar wood and covered them with gold.

5 And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

6 He made the seat of reconciliation likewise *of* pure gold; two cubits and a half *was* its length, and one cubit and a half its breadth.

7 He also made the two cherubim *of* gold, beaten out of one piece he made them, on the two ends of the seat of reconciliation;

8 one cherub on the end on this side and another cherub on the *other* end on that side of the seat of reconciliation; he made the cherubim on the two ends thereof.

9 And the cherubim spread out *their* wings above, covering with their wings the seat of reconciliation, with their faces one to another; the faces of the cherubim were *facing* the covering.

10 ¶ And he made the table *of* cedar wood; two cubits *was* the length thereof and a cubit the breadth thereof and a cubit and a half the height thereof;

11 and he covered it with pure gold and made it *a* moulding of gold round about.

12 He also made it a border of a handbreadth round about and made a moulding of gold for the border thereof round about.

13 And he cast for it four rings of gold and put the rings upon the four corners that correspond to the four feet thereof.

14 Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table.

15 And he made the staves *of* cedar wood and covered them with gold, to bear the table.

16 He also made the vessels which *were* upon the table, its dishes, its spoons, its bowls, and its covers to cover the *bread*, *of* pure gold.

17 He made the lampstand likewise *of* pure gold; *of* beaten work he made the lampstand, its shaft and its branch, its bowls, its knops, and its flowers were of the same.

18 Out of the sides thereof went six branches, three branches out of one side of the lampstand and three branches out of the other side of the lampstand;

19 in one branch *there were* three bowls made after the fashion of almonds, a knop and a flower; and in the other branch *there were* three bowls made like almonds, a knop and a flower, so throughout the six branches going out of the lampstand.

20 And in the lampstand *were* four bowls made like almonds, their knops, and their flowers,

21 and a knop under the two branches of the same and another knop under two branches of the same and a knop under the two *other* branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it.

22 Their knops and their branches were of the same; all of it *was* one beaten work *of* pure gold.

23 He made likewise its seven lamps and its snuffers and its snuff dishes *of* pure gold.

24 *Of* a talent of pure gold he made it and all its vessels.

25 ¶ He also made the altar of incense *of* cedar wood: the length of it *was* a cubit and the breadth of it a cubit; *it was* square; and two cubits *was* the height of it; its horns were of the same piece.

26 And he covered it with pure gold, its top and its sides round about and its horns; and he made it *a* moulding of gold round about.

27 He also made two rings of gold for it under the moulding thereof, by the two corners of it, upon its two sides, to be places for the staves to bear it with.

28 And he made the staves *of* cedar wood and covered them with gold.

29 He made likewise the oil of the holy anointing and the pure aromatic incense, according to the work of the apothecary.

Exodus 38

1 ¶ And he made the altar of burnt offering *of* cedar wood: five cubits was its length and five cubits its breadth; *it was* square, and its height was three cubits.

2 And he made its horns on the four corners of it; its horns were of the same piece; and he covered it with brass.

3 He made likewise all the vessels of the altar: the pots and the shovels and the basins *and* the fleshhooks, and the firepans; all its vessels he made *of* brass.

4 And he made for the altar the brasen grate of network under the circumference thereof beneath unto the midst of it.

5 He also cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, *to be* places for the staves.

6 And he made the staves *of* cedar wood and covered them with brass.

7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it with; he made the altar hollow with boards.

8 He also made the laver *of* brass and the base of it *of* brass, of the looking glasses of *the women* who were vigilant *at* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

9 ¶ He made the court likewise; on the south side towards the Negev the hangings of the court *were of* fine twined linen, one hundred cubits;

10 their pillars *were* twenty with their twenty brasen sockets; the capitals of the pillars and their fillets *were of* silver.

11 And for the side of the Aquilon, *the hangings were* one hundred cubits, their pillars twenty with their twenty sockets of brass, the capitals of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.

12 On the west side *were* hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten and their sockets ten, the capitals of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver,

13 and for the east side eastward fifty cubits

14 the hangings of the one side fifteen cubits, their pillars three, and their sockets three;

15 and for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, *were* hangings of fifteen cubits, their pillars three and their sockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about *were* of fine twined linen.

17 And the sockets for the pillars *were of* brass, the capitals of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver and the coverings of their heads *of* silver; likewise all the pillars of the court *were* filleted with silver.

18 And the hanging for the gate of the court *was* needlework *of* blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen; twenty cubits *was* the length, and the height in the breadth *was* five cubits, the same as the hangings of the court.

19 And its pillars *were* four with its four sockets *of* brass, their capitals *of* silver, and the coverings of their heads and their fillets *of* silver.

20 And all the stakes of the tabernacle and of the court round about *were of* brass.

21 ¶ This is the sum of the tabernacle, *even* of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, *for* the ministry of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest.

22 And Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

23 And with him *was* Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, a master workman, an engineer, and an embroiderer in blue and in purple and in scarlet and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was occupied for the work in all the work of the sanctuary, which was gold of offering, was twenty-nine talents and seven hundred and thirty shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

25 And the silver of those that were numbered of the congregation *was* one hundred talents and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary:

26 A half per head, *that is*, half a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, *which were* six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.

27 And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary and the sockets of the veil: one hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy-five shekels he made the capitals for the pillars and covered their heads and filleted them.

29 And the brass of the offering *was* seventy talents and two thousand four hundred shekels,

30 with which he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the testimony and the brasen altar and the brasen grate for it and all the vessels of the altar

31 and the sockets of the court round about and the sockets of the court gate and all the stakes of the tabernacle, and all the stakes of the court round about.

Exodus 39

1 ¶ And of the blue and purple and scarlet, they made the clothing of the ministry, to minister in the sanctuary, and in the same manner they made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD had commanded Moses.

2 He also made the ephod *of* gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen.

3 And they beat the gold into thin plates and cut *it into* wires to work *it* in the blue and in the purple and in the scarlet and in the fine linen, *with* cunning work.

4 They made the shoulder pieces for it to couple *it* together; by the two edges was it coupled together.

5 And the special girdle of his ephod, that *was* over it, *was* of the same, according to the work thereof: *of* gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen as the LORD had commanded Moses.

6 And they wrought onyx stones inclosed in settings of gold, graven, as seals are graven, with the names of the sons of Israel.

7 And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod *that they should be* stones for a memorial to the sons of Israel, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

8 He also made the pectoral *of* cunning work, like the work of the ephod *of* gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 It was square; they made the pectoral double; a span *was* the length thereof and a span the breadth thereof, *being* doubled.

10 And they set in it four orders of stones. The order was a ruby, an emerald, and a chrysolite: this *was* the first order.

11 The second order, a carbuncle, a sapphire, and a diamond.

12 The third order, a topaz, a turquoise, and an amethyst.

13 And the fourth order, a tarshish (*or beryl*), an onyx, and a jasper; *they were* set and inclosed in their settings of gold.

14 The stones *were* in agreement with the names of the sons of Israel, twelve, in agreement with their names, *like* the engravings of a seal, each one in agreement with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

15 They also made the small chains upon the pectoral *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.

16 In the same manner they made two settings *of* gold and two gold rings and put the two rings in the two ends of the pectoral.

17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in those two rings on the ends of the pectoral.

18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two settings, which they put on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front part of it.

19 And they made two rings of gold and put *them* on the two ends of the pectoral upon the border of it, which was on the lower side of the ephod.

20 And they made two *other* golden rings and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath toward the front part of it, in the front of its coupling, above the special girdle of the ephod.

21 And they bound the pectoral by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue lace, that it might be above the special girdle of the ephod and that the pectoral might not be loosed from the ephod, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all *of* blue,

23 with its collar in the midst of the robe, as the collar of a habergeon, *with* a band round about the collar that it should not rend.

24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates *of* blue, purple, scarlet, *and* twined *linen*.

25 They also made the bells *of* pure gold and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates;

26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister *in*, as the LORD commanded Moses.

27 And they made the coats *of* fine linen *of* woven work for Aaron and for his sons,

28 likewise the mitre *of* fine linen and the decorations of the tiaras *of* fine linen and the linen underwear *of* fine twined linen,

29 also the girdle *of* fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet *of* needlework, as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 And they made the open flower, the crown of holiness, *of* pure gold and wrote upon it a writing, *like to* the engravings of a seal, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD.

31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue to fasten *it* over the mitre, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

32 ¶ Thus was all the work of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the testimony finished, and the sons of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so did they.

33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tabernacle and all its furniture, its hooks, its boards, its bars and its pillars and its sockets,

34 and the covering of rams' skins dyed red and the covering of badgers' skins and the veil of the curtain,

35 the ark of the testimony and its staves, and the seat of reconciliation,

36 the table *and* all its vessels, and the showbread,

37 the pure lampstand *with* its lamps, *even with* the lamps to be set in order, and all its vessels and the oil for light,

38 the golden altar and the anointing oil and the aromatic incense and the hanging for the tabernacle door.

39 The brasen altar with its grate of brass, its staves, and all its vessels, and the laver and its base.

40 The hangings of the court, its pillars and its sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, its cords and its stakes, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tabernacle of the testimony,

41 the clothing of service for ministry in the sanctuary, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest and his sons' garments, to minister in the priesthood.

42 According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel made all the work.

43 And Moses looked upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it; and Moses blessed them.

Exodus 40

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 2 In the day of the first month, the first of the month shalt thou set up the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the testimony.
- 3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony and cover the ark with the veil.
- 4 And thou shalt bring in the table and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it, and thou shalt bring in the lampstand and light its lamps.
- 5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle.
- 6 Then thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle, of the tabernacle of the testimony.
- 7 And thou shalt set the laver between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar and shalt put water therein.
- 8 Last, thou shalt set up the court round about and hang up the hanging at the court gate.
- 9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it and shalt sanctify it with all its vessels, and it shall be holy.
- 10 And thou shalt also anoint the altar of the burnt offering and all its vessels and sanctify the altar, and it shall be an altar most holy.
- 11 In the same manner thou shalt anoint the laver and its base and sanctify it.
- 12 And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony and wash them with water.
- 13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments and anoint him and sanctify him, that he may be my priest.
- 14 And thou shalt bring his sons and clothe them with coats.
- 15 And thou shalt anoint them as thou didst anoint their father, and they shall be my priests; and it shall be that their anointing shall be unto them for a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations.
- 16 ¶ Thus did Moses; according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year on the first *day* of the month *that* the tabernacle was raised up.

18 And Moses caused the tabernacle to be raised up and fastened its sockets and set up its boards and put in its bars and caused its pillars to be raised up.

19 And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent above upon it, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

20 And he took and put the testimony into the ark and set the staves on the ark and put the seat of reconciliation upon the ark above,

21 and he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the curtain and covered the ark of the testimony, as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 And he put the table in the tabernacle of the testimony, upon the side of the Aquilon of the tabernacle, outside the veil.

23 And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

24 And he put the lampstand in the tabernacle of the testimony, over against the table, on the side of the Negev of the tabernacle.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

26 He also put the golden altar in the tabernacle of the testimony before the veil.

27 And he burnt aromatic incense on it, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

28 In the same manner he set up the hanging *at* the door of the tabernacle.

29 And he put the altar of burnt offering *by* the door of the tabernacle, of the tabernacle of the testimony, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the present, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 And he set the laver between the tabernacle of the testimony and the altar and put water in it, to wash *with*.

31 And Moses and Aaron and his sons would wash their hands and their feet in it.

32 When they would enter into the tabernacle of the testimony and when they would come near unto the altar, they washed themselves, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

33 Last he raised up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar and set up the hanging of the court gate. Thus Moses finished the work.

34 ¶ Then a cloud covered the tabernacle of the testimony, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tabernacle of the testimony because the cloud was upon it, and the glory of the LORD had it full.

36 And when the cloud lifted itself up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel went onward in all their journeys;

37 but if the cloud did not lift itself up, then they did not journey until the day that it lifted itself up.

38 For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and the fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

The Third Book of Moses, Called

Leviticus

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Leviticus 1

1 ¶ And the LORD called unto Moses, and spoke unto him out of the tabernacle of the testimony, saying,

2 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, When any of you offers an offering unto the LORD of animals, of cattle, *even* of the cows, or of the sheep ye shall make your offering.

3 ¶ If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of the testimony before the LORD.

4 And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering, and he shall accept it to reconcile him.

5 Then he shall kill the bullock before the LORD; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall offer the blood and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is *by* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

6 And he shall flay the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces.

7 And the sons of Aaron, the priest, shall put fire upon the altar and lay the wood in order upon the fire.

8 Then the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire which *shall be* upon the altar;

9 but he shall wash its intestines and its legs in water, and the priest shall incense it all on the altar, *to be* a burnt sacrifice, an offering on fire, of a very acceptable aroma unto the LORD.

10 ¶ And if his offering is of the sheep, *namely* of the lambs or of the goats, for a burnt sacrifice, he shall offer a male without blemish.

11 And he must kill it on the side of the altar, to the Aquilon before the LORD; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle its blood round about upon the altar.

12 And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat; and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire which *shall be* upon the altar;

13 and he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water; and the priest shall offer *it* all and incense *it* upon the altar; it *is* a burnt sacrifice, an offering on fire, of a very acceptable aroma unto the LORD.

14 And if the burnt sacrifice for his offering to the LORD *is to be* of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves or of young pigeons.

15 And the priest shall offer it upon the altar and wring off its head and incense *it* on the altar; and its blood shall be wrung out upon the side of the altar:

16 And he shall pluck away its crop and its feathers and cast them beside the altar on the east part, by the place of the ashes *with the burnt fat*.

17 And he shall cleave it by its wings *but* shall not divide *it* in two; and the priest shall incense it upon the altar, upon the wood that *is* upon the fire; it *is* a burnt sacrifice, an offering on fire of a very acceptable aroma unto the LORD.

Leviticus 2

1 ¶ And when *any* person will offer a present unto the LORD, his offering shall be *of* fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it and put frankincense thereon;

2 and he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests, who shall take out a handful of the flour thereof, with its oil, with all its frankincense; and the priest shall incense it upon the altar, *to be* an offering on fire, of an aroma very acceptable unto the LORD.

3 And that which is left of the present *shall be* Aaron's and his sons'; *it is* a thing most holy of the offerings on fire of the LORD.

4 And if thou shall offer a present baked in the oven, *it shall be* unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil and unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

5 And if thy present is an offering *baked* in a pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil.

6 Thou shalt part it in pieces and pour oil thereon; *it shall be* a present.

7 And if thy present is an offering *cooked* in a pot, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

8 And thou shalt bring the present that is made of these things unto the LORD and offer it unto the priest, who shall bring it unto the altar.

9 And the priest shall take from that present a memorial thereof and shall incense *it* upon the altar; *it shall be* an offering on fire, of a very acceptable aroma unto the LORD.

10 And that which is left of the present *shall be* Aaron's and his sons'; *it is* a thing most holy of the offerings on fire of the LORD.

11 ¶ No present which ye shall offer unto the LORD shall be with leaven; for of nothing leavened, nor any honey, shall ye make any offering incensed unto the LORD.

12 In the offering of the firstfruits ye shall offer them unto the LORD, but they shall not be offered on the altar for an acceptable aroma.

13 And every offering of thy present shalt thou season with salt, and thou shalt never allow the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy

present; with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

14 And if thou offer a present of thy firstfruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the offering of thy firstfruits green ears of grain dried by the fire, *even* grain beaten out of full ears.

15 And thou shalt put oil upon it and lay frankincense thereon: this *shall* be a present.

16 And the priest shall incense the memorial of it, *part* of the beaten grain thereof, and *part* of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: *this shall* be an offering on fire unto the LORD.

Leviticus 3

1 ¶ And if his offering is a sacrifice of peace, if he offers *it* of the *bovine* cattle, whether *it is* male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD.

2 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering and kill it *at* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony, and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

3 Then he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace for an offering on fire unto the LORD: the fat that covers the intestines and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

4 and the two kidneys and the fat that *is* on them, which is by the flanks and with the kidneys; he shall take away the caul above the liver.

5 And Aaron's sons shall incense it on the altar with the burnt sacrifice, which *shall be* upon the wood that *is* on the fire; *and this shall be* an offering on fire, of a very acceptable aroma unto the LORD.

6 ¶ And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace unto the LORD is of the sheep, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish.

7 If he offers a lamb for his offering, he shall offer it before the LORD;

8 and he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering and then kill it before the tabernacle of the testimony; and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle its blood round about upon the altar.

9 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace an offering on fire unto the LORD: its fat *and* the whole tail, which he shall take off from the backbone and the fat that covers the intestines and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

10 likewise the two kidneys and the fat that *is* upon them and that which is upon the flanks and with the kidneys he shall take away the caul above the liver.

11 And the priest shall incense it upon the altar, and this shall be the food of the offering on fire unto the LORD.

12 And if his offering *is* a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD;

13 and he shall lay his hand upon the head of it and kill it before the tabernacle of the testimony; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood

upon the altar round about.

14 Then he shall offer thereof his offering, *even* an offering on fire unto the LORD: the fat that covers the intestines and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

15 and the two kidneys and the fat that *is* upon them and that which *is* upon the flanks and with the kidneys he shall take away the caul above the liver.

16 And the priest shall incense them upon the altar; *and this shall be* the food of the offering on fire of a very acceptable aroma unto the LORD; all the fat *is* the LORD's.

17 *It shall be* a perpetual statute for your ages; throughout all your dwellings that ye shall eat no fat and no blood.

Leviticus 4

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done and shall do any of them,

3 if the priest that is anointed sins according to the guiltiness of the people, he shall offer for his sin, which he has committed, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for his sin.

4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony before the LORD and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head and kill the bullock before the LORD.

5 And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood and bring it to the tabernacle of the testimony;

6 and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the veil of the sanctuary.

7 And the priest shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar of aromatic incense before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of the testimony, and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which *is at* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

8 And he shall take off all the fat of the bullock for the sin: the fat that covers the intestines and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

9 and the two kidneys and the fat that *is* upon them, and that which *is* upon the flanks and with the kidneys he shall take away the caul above the liver,

10 as it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace; and the priest shall incense them upon the altar of the burnt offering.

11 And the skin of the bullock and all its flesh, with its head and with its legs, and his intestines and his dung,

12 even the whole bullock he shall carry forth outside the camp unto a clean place, where the *ashes with the burnt* fat are poured out and burn it on the wood with fire, where the *ashes with the burnt* fat are poured out shall it be burnt.

13 ¶ And if the whole congregation of Israel sins through ignorance and the thing was hid from the eyes of the assembly and they have done *something against* any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which should not be done and are guilty,

14 when the sin, which they have committed, is understood, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock as the sin and bring it before the tabernacle of the testimony.

15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD, and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.

16 And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the testimony.

17 And the priest shall dip his finger *in some* of the blood and sprinkle *it* seven times before the LORD, *even* before the veil.

18 And he shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar which *is* before the LORD, that *is* in the tabernacle of the testimony and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which *is at* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

19 And he shall take all the fat and incense *it* upon the altar.

20 And he shall do with this bullock as he did with the bullock of the sin, so shall he do with this; and thus the priest shall reconcile them, and they shall obtain forgiveness.

21 And he shall carry forth the bullock outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bullock; it is the sin of the congregation.

22 ¶ When the prince has sinned and done *something* through ignorance *against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God *concerning things* which should not be done and is guilty,

23 as soon as he is notified of his sin, which he has committed, then he shall bring his offering, a he goat, a male without blemish.

24 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the he goat and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD; it is sin.

25 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin with his finger and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering and shall pour out its blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering;

26 and he shall burn all its fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace; thus shall the priest reconcile him as concerning his sin, and he shall have forgiveness.

27 ¶ And if any one of the people of the land sins through ignorance, by doing *something against* any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and is guilty,

28 as soon as his sin, which he has committed, comes to his knowledge, then he shall bring as his offering, a she goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed.

29 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin and slay the sin in the place of the burnt offering.

30 Then the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering and shall pour out all its blood at the bottom of the altar.

31 And he shall take away all its fat, as the fat was taken away from off the sacrifice of peace; and the priest shall incense *it* upon the altar in a very acceptable aroma unto the LORD; and *thus* shall the priest reconcile him, and he shall have forgiveness.

32 And if he brings a lamb as his offering, as the sin, he shall bring a female without blemish.

33 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin and slay the sin in the place where they kill the burnt offering.

34 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering and shall pour out all its blood at the bottom of the altar.

35 And he shall take away all its fat, as the fat of the lamb of the sacrifice of peace was taken away; and the priest shall incense it upon the altar in an offering on fire unto the LORD; and thus shall the priest reconcile him from his sin that he has committed, and he shall have forgiveness.

Leviticus 5

1 ¶ And when a person commits sin, because they were called to testify under oath, and he *was* a witness that has seen or known of *it*, if he does not declare *it*, then he shall bear his iniquity.

2 Likewise the person who touches any unclean thing, whether *it is* a carcase of an unclean beast or a carcase of unclean animal or the carcase of an unclean serpent, even *if* it is hidden from him, he shall be unclean and guilty.

3 Or if he touches the uncleanness of man, whatever uncleanness *it is* that a man shall be defiled with, and it is hid from him, if afterward he should know of *it*, then he shall be guilty.

4 Also the person who swears, pronouncing with *his* lips to do evil, or to do good, whatever *it is* that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it is hid from him, when he knows of *it*, then he shall be guilty in one of these.

5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these *things*, that he shall confess that he has sinned;

6 and he shall bring *for* his guilt unto the LORD for his sin, which he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb, or a kid of the goats, for his sin; and the priest shall reconcile him from his sin.

7 ¶ And if he is not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for the guilt of his sin two turtledoves or two young pigeons unto the LORD, one for his sin and the other for a burnt offering.

8 And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer *that which is* for the sin first and wring off its head from its neck but shall not divide *it* asunder;

9 and he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar; *it is* sin.

10 And he shall offer the second *for* a burnt offering, according to the ordinance; and *thus* shall the priest reconcile him for his sin in which he has sinned, and he shall have forgiveness.

11 But if he is not able to bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then he that sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine

flour for his sin; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put *any* frankincense thereon, for it is sin.

12 Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it, *even* a memorial thereof, and incense *it* on the altar upon the *other* offerings on fire unto the LORD; it is sin.

13 *Thus* shall the priest reconcile him from his sin in which he has sinned in one of these things, and he shall have forgiveness; and *that which remains* shall be the priest's, as *with* a present.

14 ¶ And the LORD spoke further unto Moses, saying,

15 When *any* person commits a trespass and sins through ignorance, in the holy things of the LORD, then he shall bring for *the expiation of* his guilt unto the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flocks, in thy estimation of two shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for his guilt;

16 And he shall pay for the sin that he has done in the holy thing and shall add the fifth part thereto and give it unto the priest; and the priest shall reconcile him with the ram of *the expiation of* his guilt, and he shall have forgiveness.

17 Finally, if a person commits a sin by doing any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD, without doing it knowingly, he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.

18 And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, in thy estimation, for *the expiation of* his guilt, unto the priest; and the priest shall reconcile him from his error which he committed in ignorance, and he shall have forgiveness.

19 It is for his guilt; he is certainly guilty against the LORD.

Leviticus 6

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 If a person commits a sin, a trespass against the LORD, and denies unto his neighbour that which was delivered unto him to keep or left in his hand, or in a thing stolen, or has slandered his neighbour;

3 or has found that which was lost and *then* denies it and swears falsely, in any of all these in which a man can sin,

4 then it shall be that because he has sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he stole, or for the damage of the slander, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found,

5 or all that about which he has sworn falsely, he shall even restore it in the principal and shall add the fifth part more to it, for the one to whom it belongs, and he shall pay in the day of his guiltiness.

6 And he shall bring for *the expiation of his guilt* unto the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flock, in thy estimation, for his guilt, unto the priest;

7 and the priest shall reconcile him before the LORD, and he shall have forgiveness for any of all of the things in which he is guilty.

8 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering (*it is the burnt offering because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it*):

10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen underwear shall he put upon his flesh, and when the fire has consumed the burnt offering, he shall take up *the ashes with the burnt fat* on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.

11 Then he shall put off his garments and put on other garments and carry forth the *ashes with the burnt fat* outside the camp unto a clean place.

12 And the fire burning upon the altar shall not be put out, but the priest shall put wood on it every morning and lay the burnt offering in order upon it, and he shall burn upon it the fat of the peace.

13 The fire shall burn continuously upon the altar; it shall not be put out.

14 ¶ And this *is* the law of the present: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD, before the altar.

15 And he shall take of it a handful of the flour of the present and of the oil thereof and all the frankincense which *is* upon the present and shall incense *it* upon the altar in an aroma of rest unto the LORD for a memorial.

16 And the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat; without leaven it shall be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of the testimony they shall eat it.

17 It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it *unto them for* their portion of my offerings on fire; it is most holy, as is the *atonement for* sin and the *expiation of* guilt.

18 All the males among the sons of Aaron shall eat of it. *It shall be* a perpetual statute in your generations concerning the offerings on fire of the LORD; every thing that touches them shall be sanctified.

19 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

20 This *shall be* the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when they shall be anointed: the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a perpetual present, half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening.

21 In a pan it shall be made with oil; *and when it is* fried, thou shalt bring it in; *and* the cooked pieces of the present shalt thou offer in a very acceptable aroma unto the LORD.

22 And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead shall offer it; *it is* a perpetual statute unto the LORD; it shall be completely burnt.

23 And every present of a priest shall be completely burnt; it shall not be eaten.

24 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This *shall be* the law of sin: In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the *atonement as* sin be killed before the LORD; for it *is* most holy.

26 The priest that offers it for the sin shall eat it; in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the testimony.

27 Whatever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be sanctified; and when some of the blood thereof is sprinkled upon any garment, thou shalt wash

whatever it was sprinkled on in the holy place.

28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is cooked shall be broken; and if it is cooked in a brazen pot, it shall be both scoured and rinsed in water.

29 All the males among the priests shall eat of it; it is most holy.

30 And no *atonement as sin*, of which *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the testimony to reconcile in the sanctuary, shall be eaten; it shall be burnt in the fire.

Leviticus 7

1 ¶ Likewise this *shall be* the law of the *expiation* of guilt; it *shall be* most holy.

2 In the place where they kill the burnt offering shall they kill the *expiation* of guilt, and he shall sprinkle its blood round about upon the altar.

3 And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof, the tail and the fat that covers the intestines

4 and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them and that which is on the flanks and with the kidneys he shall take away the caul *that is* above the liver.

5 And the priest shall incense them upon the altar *for* an offering on fire unto the LORD; *and this* shall be *the expiation* of guilt.

6 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof; it shall be eaten in the holy place for it *is* most holy.

7 As with the sin, so *shall it be* with the guilt; they shall have the same law; the priest that has made the reconciliation shall have that *which was offered*.

8 And the priest that offers anyone's burnt offering, *even* the priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has offered.

9 Likewise every present that is baked in the oven and all that is dressed in the fryingpan or in the pot shall be the priest's that offers it.

10 And every present mingled with oil and dry shall all the sons of Aaron have, one *as much* as another.

11 ¶ And this *shall be* the law of the sacrifice of peace, which shall be offered unto the LORD.

12 If it is offered in thanksgiving, then he shall offer for the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil and unleavened wafers anointed with oil and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.

13 With cakes of leavened bread he shall offer his offering in the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace.

14 And out of the whole offering he shall offer part to be elevated in offering unto the LORD, *and* it shall be the priest's that sprinkles the blood of the peace.

15 And the flesh of his sacrifice of peace for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.

16 But if the sacrifice of his offering *is* a vow, or voluntary, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; and that which is left of it shall be eaten the next day;

17 but that which is left of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire.

18 And if *any* of the flesh of his sacrifice of peace is eaten at all on the third day, he that offers it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him; it shall be an abomination, and the person that eats of it shall bear his iniquity.

19 And the flesh that touches any unclean *thing* shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire; but every clean person shall eat of this flesh.

20 And the person that eats *of* the flesh of the sacrifice of peace, which is of the LORD, being unclean, that person shall be cut off from his people.

21 Moreover the person that shall touch any unclean *thing*, as the uncleanness of man or *any* unclean beast or any abominable unclean *thing* and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace, which is of the LORD, that person shall be cut off from his people.

22 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox or of sheep or of goat.

24 And the fat of the beast that died of itself and the fat of that *which is* torn *by beasts* may be used in any other use, but ye shall not eat of it.

25 For whosoever eats fat of an animal, of which an offering is made on fire unto the LORD, the person that eats *it* shall be cut off from his people.

26 Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, *whether it is* of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.

27 Whatever person *it is* that eats any manner of blood, that person shall be cut off from his people.

28 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

29 Speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, He that offers his sacrifice of peace unto the LORD shall bring his offering of the sacrifice of his peace unto the LORD;

30 his own hands shall bring the offerings *which must be burned* unto the LORD; he shall bring the fat with the breast that the breast may be waved *for* a wave offering before the LORD.

31 And the priest shall incense the fat upon the altar; but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'.

32 And ye shall give unto the priest to be elevated in offering the right shoulder of the sacrifices of your peace.

33 He among the sons of Aaron that offers the blood of the peace and the fat shall have the right shoulder for *his* part;

34 for I have taken from the sons of Israel of their sacrifices of peace the breast that is waved and the shoulder that is set apart and have given them unto Aaron, the priest, and unto his sons by a perpetual statute among the sons of Israel.

35 ¶ This *is* the anointing of Aaron and the anointing of his sons of the offerings on fire unto the LORD from the day *when* he brought them in to be priests of the LORD,

36 which *portions* the LORD commanded to be given to them from the day that he anointed them from among the sons of Israel *by* a perpetual statute throughout their generations.

37 This is the law of the burnt offering, of the present, of sin, of guilt, of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of peace,

38 which the LORD commanded Moses in Mount Sinai in the day that he commanded the sons of Israel to offer their offerings unto the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai.

Leviticus 8

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 Take Aaron and his sons with him and the garments and the anointing oil and the bullock for the sin and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread

3 and gather all the congregation together at the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

4 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him, and the congregation was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

5 And Moses said unto the congregation, This *is* what the LORD has commanded to be done.

6 Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water.

7 And he put upon him the coat and girded him with the girdle and then clothed him with the robe and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the special girdle of the ephod and bound *it* unto him therewith.

8 Then he put the pectoral upon him, and he put in the pectoral the Urim and the Thummim.

9 After that he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, *even* upon his forefront, he put the open flower of gold, the crown of holiness, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

10 And Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all the things that *were* therein and sanctified them.

11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its vessels, and the laver and its base, to sanctify them.

12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head and anointed him, to sanctify him.

13 Then Moses brought Aaron's sons and put coats upon them and girded them with girdles and put tiaras upon them, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

14 ¶ Next he brought the bullock of the sin, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock of the sin,

15 and he slew *it*; and Moses took the blood and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger and removed the sin from the altar and poured the *remaining* blood at the bottom of the altar and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.

16 After that he took all the fat that *was* upon the intestines and the caul *above* the liver and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses incensed it upon the altar.

17 But the bullock and its hide, its flesh, and its dung, he burnt with fire outside the camp, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

18 After that, he brought the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram,

19 and he killed *it*; and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces, and Moses incensed the head and the pieces and the fat.

21 Then he washed the intestines and the legs in water, and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar; it *was* a burnt sacrifice in a very acceptable aroma, an offering on fire unto the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 After that, he brought the other ram, the ram of the consecrations, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram,

23 and he slew *it*; and Moses took of the blood of it and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear and upon the thumb of his right hand and upon the great toe of his right foot.

24 And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ears and upon the thumbs of their right hands and upon the great toes of their right feet; and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about;

25 and after that, he took the fat and the tail, and all the fat that *was* upon the intestines and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat and the right shoulder;

26 and out of the basket of unleavened bread that *was* before the LORD he took one unleavened cake and a cake of oiled bread and one wafer and put *them* with the fat and with the right shoulder;

27 and he put all of it in Aaron's hands and in his sons' hands and caused them to be waved *for* a wave offering before the LORD.

28 After that Moses took them from their hands and incensed *them* on the altar upon the burnt offering; they *are* the consecrations in a very acceptable aroma, an offering on fire unto the LORD.

29 And Moses took the breast and waved it *for a wave offering before the LORD*; *for* of the ram of the consecrations this was Moses' part, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 Then Moses took of the anointing oil and of the blood which *was* upon the altar and sprinkled *it* upon Aaron *and* upon his garments and upon his sons and upon his sons' garments with him and sanctified Aaron *and* his garments, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

31 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Cook the flesh *at* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony, and eat it there with the bread that *is* in the basket of the consecrations, as I have commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.

32 And that which remains of the flesh and of the bread ye shall burn with fire.

33 And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the testimony *in* seven days, until the day that the days of your consecration are fulfilled; because for seven days ye shall be consecrated.

34 As has been done this day, so the LORD has commanded to do, to reconcile you.

35 Therefore shall ye abide *at* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony day and night for seven days and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not; for so I am commanded.

36 So Aaron and his sons did all things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

Leviticus 9

1 ¶ And it came to pass on the eighth day *that* Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel,

2 and he said unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf as the sin and a ram as a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer *them* before the LORD.

3 And unto the sons of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a he goat as the sin and a calf and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering;

4 likewise a bullock and a ram for a *sacrifice of peace*, to kill before the LORD; and a present mingled with oil; for today the LORD will appear unto you.

5 And they brought *that* which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the testimony, and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD.

6 Then Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do, and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.

7 And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin, and thy burnt offering, and make reconciliation for thyself and for the people; and offer the offering of the people and make reconciliation for them, as the LORD commanded.

8 ¶ Then Aaron went unto the altar and slew the calf of his own sin.

9 And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him, and he dipped his finger in the blood and put *it* upon the horns of the altar and poured out the *remaining* blood at the bottom of the altar;

10 and the fat and the kidneys and the caul above the liver of the sin, he incensed upon the altar, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

11 And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire outside the camp.

12 Likewise he slew the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar.

13 After that they presented the burnt offering unto him, by its pieces, and the head; and he incensed *them* upon the altar.

14 Then he washed the intestines and the legs and burnt *them* with the burnt offering on the altar.

15 He also offered the people's offering and took the he goat, which *was* the sin of the people, and slew it and offered it for *their* sin, as the first.

16 And he brought the burnt offering and offered it according to the ordinance.

17 Likewise he offered the present and took a handful thereof and incensed *it* upon the altar, beside the burnt sacrifice of the morning.

18 He also slew the bullock and the ram in sacrifice of peace, which *was* for the people; and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood (which he sprinkled upon the altar round about)

19 and the fat of the bullock and of the ram, the tail and that which covers *the inwards* and the kidneys and the caul *above* the liver;

20 and they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar.

21 But the breasts, with the right shoulder, Aaron waved, waving them before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 After that, Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them and came down from offering the sin and the burnt offering and the peace.

23 ¶ And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the testimony and came out and blessed the people; and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.

24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat, *which* when all the people saw, they praised and fell on their faces.

Leviticus 10

1 ¶ And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took each of them his censer and put fire therein and put incense thereon and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he had never commanded them.

2 And there went out fire from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

3 ¶ Then Moses said unto Aaron, This *is* what the LORD spoke, saying, I will be sanctified in those that come near me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron was silent.

4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

5 So they went near and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said.

6 Then Moses said unto Aaron and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Do not uncover your heads, neither rend your clothes lest ye die and lest wrath come upon the whole congregation; but your brethren, the whole house of Israel, shall lament the burning which the LORD has done.

7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the testimony, lest ye die; for the anointing oil of the LORD *is* upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

8 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Aaron, saying,

9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee when ye go into the tabernacle of the testimony, lest ye die; *it shall be* a perpetual statute throughout your generations;

10 and *this is* that ye may discern between the holy and the profane and between the unclean and the clean

11 and that ye may teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

12 ¶ And Moses spoke unto Aaron and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons that were left, Take the present that remains of the offerings on fire unto the LORD and eat it without leaven beside the altar; for it *is* most holy:

13 Ye must, therefore, eat it in the holy place, because it *is* thy due and thy sons' due of the offerings of the LORD on fire; for so I am commanded.

14 And the waved breast and elevated shoulder shall ye likewise eat in a clean place, thou and thy sons and thy daughters with thee; for *they are* thy due and thy sons' due, *which* are given out of the sacrifices of the peace of the sons of Israel.

15 With the offerings of the fat which are to be lit on fire, they shall bring the shoulder which is to be elevated and the breast which shall be waved as a wave *offering* before the LORD; and it shall be thine and thy sons' with thee by a perpetual statute, as the LORD has commanded.

16 And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin, and, behold, it was burnt up, and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron *who were* left *alive*, saying,

17 Why have ye not eaten of the *atonement for* sin in the holy place? For it *is* most holy, and *God* has given it to you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, that they may be reconciled before the LORD.

18 Behold, the blood of it was not brought in within the inner sanctuary; ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy *place*, as I commanded.

19 And Aaron replied unto Moses, Behold, today they have offered their sin and their burnt offering before the LORD; with all this, these things have befallen me; therefore *if* I had eaten of the *atonement for* sin today, would it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD?

20 And when Moses heard *that*, he was content.

Leviticus 11

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them,
2 Speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, These *are* the animals which ye shall eat among all the animals that *are* on the earth.
3 Whatever divides the hoof and is clovenfooted and chews the cud, among the animals, that shall you eat.
4 Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of those that chew the cud or of those that divide the hoof: the camel because it chews the cud but divides not the hoof; it *is* unclean unto you.
5 And the coney because it chews the cud, but divides not the hoof: it *is* unclean unto you.
6 And the hare because it chews the cud, but divides not the hoof: it *is* unclean unto you.
7 And the swine though it divides the hoof and is clovenfooted, yet it chews not the cud: it *is* unclean to you.
8 Of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcase you shall not touch: they *are* unclean to you.
9 ¶ These shall you eat of all that *are* in the waters: whatever has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, those shall you eat.
10 But all that have not fins and scales in the seas and in the rivers, of any reptile in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they *shall be* an abomination unto you;
11 they shall be an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, and ye shall have their carcasses in abomination.
12 Whatever has no fins nor scales in the waters, that *shall be* an abomination unto you.
13 And these ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they *shall be* an abomination: the eagle, the ossifrage, the ospray,
14 the vulture, and the kite according to his species,
15 every raven according to his species,
16 the owl, the night hawk, the cuckow, and the hawk according to his species;

17 the little owl, the cormorant, the great owl,
18 the swan, the pelican, the gier eagle,
19 the stork, the heron according to her species, the lapwing, and the bat.
20 ¶ Every flying insect that creeps, going upon *all* four, *shall be* an abomination unto you.
21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying insect that goes upon *all* four, which have legs above their feet, to leap with them upon the earth;
22 these of them ye may eat: the locust according to his species and the bald locust according to his species and the beetle according to his species and the grasshopper according to his species.
23 But all *other* flying insects, which have four feet, *shall be* an abomination unto you.
24 And for these ye shall be unclean: whoever touches their carcase shall be unclean until the evening.
25 And whoever bears *any part* of their carcase shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening.
26 *The carcasses* of every animal which divides the hoof and is not clovenfooted, nor chews the cud, *are* unclean unto you; everyone that touches them shall be unclean.
27 And of all the animals that go on *all* four, any that walk upon their paws are unclean unto you; whoever touches their carcase shall be unclean until the evening.
28 And he that bears their carcase shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening; they *are* unclean unto you.
29 These also *shall be* unclean unto you among the animals that creep upon the earth: the weasel and the mouse and the frog according to his species
30 and the ferret and the lizard and the snail and the slug and the mole.
31 These *are* unclean to you among all the animals; whoever touches them, when they are dead, shall be unclean until the evening.
32 And everything upon which *any* of them falls when they are dead shall be unclean, whether *it be* any vessel of wood or clothing or skin or sack, whatever instrument with which work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the evening; and thus *it shall be* cleansed.

33 And every earthen vessel into which *any* of them falls, whatever *is* in it shall be unclean; and ye shall break the *vessel*.

34 All food which may be eaten upon which shall come water from *any such vessel* shall be unclean; and any drink that may be drunk shall be unclean in every *such vessel*.

35 And everything upon which *any part* of their carcase falls shall be unclean: the oven or the chimney shall be broken down, *for they are* unclean and shall be unclean unto you.

36 Nevertheless a fountain or cistern where water is collected shall be clean; but that which touches their carcase shall be unclean.

37 And if *any part* of their carcase falls upon any sown seed which is sown, it *shall be* clean.

38 But if *any* water is put upon the seed and *any part* of their carcase falls thereon, it *shall be* unclean unto you.

39 And if any animal of which ye may eat dies, he that touches the carcase thereof shall be unclean until the evening;

40 and he that eats of the carcase of it shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening; likewise he that bears the carcase of it shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening.

41 And every reptile that creeps upon the earth *is* an abomination; it shall not be eaten.

42 Whatever goes upon the belly and whatever goes upon four or more feet among all reptiles that creep upon the earth, ye shall not eat; for it is abomination.

43 ¶ Ye shall not defile your souls with any reptile that creeps, neither shall ye contaminate yourselves with them, that ye should be unclean with them.

44 For I *am* the LORD your God; ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy; neither shall ye defile your souls with any reptile that moves upon the earth.

45 For I *am* the LORD that causes you to come up out of the land of Egypt to be your God; ye shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.

46 This is the law of the animals and of the fowls and of every living creature that moves in the waters and of every animal that creeps upon the earth:

47 to make a difference between the unclean and the clean and between the animals that may be eaten and the animals that may not be eaten.

Leviticus 12

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, If a woman has conceived seed and gives birth to a man child, then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her menses shall she be unclean.

3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

4 And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying thirty-three days; she shall touch no holy thing, nor come to the sanctuary until the days of her purifying are fulfilled.

5 But if she gives birth to a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, according to her separation, and she shall be purifying herself for sixty-six days from her blood.

6 ¶ And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or a turtledove as sin, unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony, unto the priest,

7 who shall offer it before the LORD and reconcile her, and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the law for her that has given birth to a male or a female.

8 And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons: the one for the burnt offering and the other as sin; and the priest shall reconcile her, and she shall be clean.

Leviticus 13

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it is in the skin of his flesh *like* the plague of leprosy, then he shall be brought unto Aaron, the priest, or unto one of his sons, the priests,

3 and the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh, and if the hair in the plague is turned white and the plague looks deeper than the skin of his flesh, it *is* a plague of leprosy; and the priest shall recognize him and pronounce him unclean.

4 If the bright spot *is* white in the skin of his flesh and looks to be not deeper than the skin and the hair thereof is not turned white; then the priest shall shut up *the one that has* the plague seven days;

5 and the priest shall look on him the seventh day and see *if* the plague in his sight is stayed *and* the plague is not spread in the skin, then the priest shall shut him up seven days the second time.

6 After this the priest shall look on him again the seventh day and see *if* the plague *has* darkened *and* that the plague is not spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; it *is but* a scab, and he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

7 But if the scab spreads much abroad in the skin after he has been shown unto the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen of the priest again;

8 and *if* the priest recognizes that the scab has spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* leprosy.

9 When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest;

10 and the priest shall see *him*; and *if* the rising looks white in the skin and it has turned the hair white and *there is* quick raw flesh in the rising,

11 it *is* an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean and shall not shut him up, for he *is* unclean.

12 But if the leprosy breaks out abroad in the skin and the leprosy covers all the skin of *him that has* the plague from his head even to his feet wherever the priest looks,

13 then the priest shall consider; and if the leprosy has covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce *the one* that has the plague clean; it is all turned white; he *is* clean.

14 But the day that raw flesh appears in him, he shall be unclean.

15 And the priest shall see the raw flesh and pronounce him to be unclean, *for* the raw flesh *is* unclean: it *is* leprosy.

16 But when the raw flesh turns again and is changed unto white, he shall come unto the priest;

17 and the priest shall see him; and if the plague is turned white; then the priest shall pronounce *the one* that has the plague clean, and he *shall be* clean.

18 ¶ And when in the flesh, in the skin thereof, there was a boil and is healed,

19 and in the place of the boil there is a white rising or a bright spot, white, and somewhat reddish, it shall be shown to the priest;

20 and the priest shall look, and if it appears to be lower than the skin and the hair thereof is turned white; the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it *is* a plague of leprosy broken out of the boil.

21 But if the priest considers it and there appear to be no white hairs in it and it is not lower than the skin, but somewhat dark, then the priest shall shut him up seven days;

22 and if it spreads much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague.

23 But if the bright spot stays in its place and does not spread, it *is* the scab of a boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24 Likewise when the flesh has in its skin a burn from fire, and in the place healed from the burn there a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white,

25 then the priest shall look upon it; and *if* the hair in the bright spot is turned white and it looks deeper than the skin, it *is* a leprosy broken out of the burn; and the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it *is* the plague of leprosy.

26 But if the priest looks on it and there is no white hair in the bright spot and it *is* no lower than the *other* skin, but dark, then the priest shall shut him up seven days;

27 and the priest shall recognize it the seventh day; *and* if it is spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the plague of leprosy.

28 And if the bright spot stays in its place *and* has not spread in the skin, but it is dark, it is a rising of the burn; and the priest shall pronounce him clean, for it is an inflammation of the burn.

29 If a man or woman has a plague upon the head or the beard,

30 then the priest shall see the plague; and if it looks deeper than the skin and the hair in it is yellowish and thin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a dry scall, leprosy of the head or beard.

31 But when the priest looks on the plague of the scall and if it does not look deeper than the skin and *there is* no black hair in it, then the priest shall shut up *the one* that has the plague of the scall seven days;

32 and in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague; and *if* the scall appears not to have spread and there is no yellowish hair in it and the scall appears not to be deeper than the skin,

33 he shall be shaven, but the *place of the* scall he shall not shave; and the priest shall shut up *the one that has* the scall for seven days the second time.

34 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall; and *if* the scall is not spread in the skin nor in appearance deeper than the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; and he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

35 But if the scall spreads much in the skin after his cleansing,

36 then the priest shall look at it; and if the scall is spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for yellowish hair; he is unclean.

37 But if the scall appears to him to be stayed and there is black hair grown up in it, the scall is healed; he is clean; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 ¶ Likewise if a man or a woman has in the skin of their flesh bright spots, *even* white bright spots,

39 the priest shall look; and if the bright spots in the skin of their flesh *are* darkish white, it is a freckled spot *that* grew in the skin; the *person is* clean.

40 And the man whose hair has fallen off his head is bald; *yet* he is clean.

41 And if his hair has fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he is forehead bald; *yet is* he clean.

42 But if in the bald head, or bald forehead, there is a white reddish sore, it is a leprosy sprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead.

43 Then the priest shall look upon it; and if the rising of the sore *is* white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the flesh,

44 he is a leprous man, he *is* unclean; the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his plague *is* in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague *is*, his clothes shall be rent and his head uncovered, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.

46 All the days in which the plague *shall be* in him he shall be defiled; he *shall be* unclean; he shall dwell alone; outside the camp *shall* his habitation *be*.

47 ¶ The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, *whether it is* a woolen garment or a linen garment;

48 *whether it is* in the warp or woof; of linen or of woolen; whether in a skin or in anything made of skin;

49 and if the plague is greenish or reddish in the garment or in the skin, either in the warp or in the woof or in any thing of skin, it *is* a plague of leprosy and shall be shown unto the priest.

50 And the priest shall look upon the plague and shut up *the thing that has* the plague seven days.

51 And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day; if the plague is spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof or in a skin or in any work that is made of skins; the plague *is* a fretting leprosy; it is unclean.

52 He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woolen or in linen, or anything of skin, in which the plague is; for it *is* a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire.

53 And if the priest shall look and it appears that the plague has not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin,

54 then the priest shall command that they wash *the thing* in which the plague *is*, and he shall shut it up again for seven days.

55 And the priest shall look on it after the plague has been washed; and if it appears that the plague has not changed its colour, even if the plague is not

spread, it *is* unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire; it *is* fret inward, *whether* the bare *spot* is within or without.

56 And if the priest looks and the plague appears to be darker after the washing of it, then he shall cut it out of the garment or out of the skin or out of the warp or out of the woof.

57 And if it appears again in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof or in anything of skin, springing up again in it, thou shalt burn whatever the plague *is* in with fire.

58 But the garment, either warp or woof or whatever thing of skin which thou shalt wash and from which the plague is removed, shall be washed *the* second time, and then it shall be clean.

59 This *is* the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woolen or linen, either in the warp or woof or anything of skins, to pronounce it clean or to pronounce it unclean.

Leviticus 14

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest.

3 And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look and seeing that the plague of leprosy is healed in the leper,

4 the priest shall command to take for the one that is to be purified two birds, alive *and* clean, and cedar wood and scarlet and hyssop;

5 and the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel upon living water;

6 then he shall take the living bird and the cedar wood, and the scarlet and the hyssop and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the living water;

7 and he shall sprinkle upon the one that is to be purified from the leprosy seven times and shall pronounce him clean and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.

8 And he that is to be purified shall wash his clothes and shave off all his hair and wash himself with water, and he shall be clean; and after that he shall come into the camp and shall dwell outside of his tent seven days.

9 But it shall be that on the seventh day he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows; finally he shall shave off all his hair, and he shall wash his clothes; also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

10 ¶ And on the eighth day he shall take two he lambs without blemish and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish and three tenth deals of fine flour *for* a present, mingled with oil, and one log of oil.

11 And the priest that purifies him shall present the one that is to be made clean with those things, before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the testimony;

12 and the priest shall take one he lamb and offer him for *expiation of* the guilt, with the log of oil, and wave them *for* a waved offering before the LORD.

13 And he shall slay the lamb in the place where they kill the sin and the burnt offering, in the place of the sanctuary, for *that offered* as sin is the priest's, together with *that offered* as guilt; it is most holy.

14 And the priest shall take *some* of the blood of *the expiation for* the guilt, and the priest shall put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of the one that is to be purified and upon the thumb of his right hand and upon the great toe of his right foot.

15 Likewise the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand;

16 and the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that *is* in his left hand and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD.

17 And of that which is left of the oil that *is* in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of the one that is to be purified and upon the thumb of his right hand and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of *the expiation for* the guilt;

18 and that which is left of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand, he shall pour upon the head of the one that is to be purified; and thus shall the priest reconcile him before the LORD.

19 And the priest shall offer the sin and reconcile the one that is to be purified from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt offering.

20 And the priest shall cause the burnt offering and the present to be lifted upon the altar, and *thus* shall the priest reconcile him, and he shall be clean.

21 ¶ But if he *is* poor, and cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb for *expiation of* the guilt to be waved, to reconcile himself, and one tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a present, and a log of oil;

22 and two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be as the sin, and the other as a burnt offering.

23 And he shall bring these things on the eighth day of his purification unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony, before the LORD.

24 And the priest shall take the lamb of *the expiation of* the guilt, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them *for* a waved *offering* before the LORD;

25 then he shall kill the lamb of the expiation of the guilt, and the priest shall take some of the blood of the expiation of the guilt and put it upon the tip of the right ear of the one that is to be purified and upon the thumb of his right hand and upon the great toe of his right foot.

26 And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand,

27 and the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the LORD.

28 The priest shall also put of the oil that *is* in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of the one that is to be purified and upon the thumb of his right hand and upon the great toe of his right foot in the place of the blood of *the expiation for* the guilt.

29 And what is left of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of the one that is to be purified, to reconcile him before the LORD.

30 Likewise he shall offer one of the turtledoves or of the young pigeons, such as he can get,

31 one of such as he is able to get as sin, and the other *for* a burnt offering, with the present; and *thus* shall the priest reconcile the one that is to be purified before the LORD.

32 This is the law of the one who has had the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get *that which is prescribed* for his purification.

33 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

34 When ye are entered into the land of Canaan, which I give to you in possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession,

35 the one that owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, Something like unto a plague has appeared in my house.

36 Then the priest shall command that they empty the house before the priest goes *into it* to see the plague so that all that *is* in the house is not contaminated; and afterward the priest shall go in to recognize the house.

37 And he shall look on the plague, and if the plague is seen in the walls of the house with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, which appear to be lower than the wall,

38 the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house and shut up the house seven days.

39 And the priest shall come again the seventh day and shall look; and if the plague has spread in the walls of the house,

40 then the priest shall command that they remove the stones in which the plague *is*, and they shall cast them outside the city into an unclean place;

41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off outside the city into an unclean place;

42 and they shall take other stones and put *them* in the place of the stones *that were removed*; and he shall take other mortar and shall plaster the house.

43 And if the plague comes again and breaks out in the house after he has taken away the stones and after he has scraped the house and after it is plastered,

44 then the priest shall come in and look; and if the plague appears to have spread in the house, it *is* a fretting leprosy in the house; it *is* unclean.

45 Then he shall break down the house, its stones, and its timbers, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry *them* forth out of the city into an unclean place.

46 Moreover he that enters into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the evening.

47 And he that sleeps in the house shall wash his clothes, and he that eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 But if the priest shall come in and look *upon it*, and see that the plague has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean because the plague is healed.

49 Then to remove the sin from the house he shall take two birds and cedar wood and scarlet and hyssop,

50 and he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over living water,

51 and he shall take the cedar wood and the hyssop and the scarlet and the living bird and dip them *all* in the blood of the slain bird and in the living water and sprinkle the house seven times.

52 And he shall remove the sin from the house with the blood of the bird and with the living water and with the living bird and with the cedar wood

and with the hyssop and with the scarlet.

53 Then he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields;
and thus shall he reconcile the house, and it shall be clean.

54 ¶ This *is* the law for all manner of plague of leprosy and scall

55 and for the leprosy of a garment and of a house

56 and for a rising and for a scab and for a bright spot,

57 to teach when *it is* unclean and when *it is* clean: this is the law of leprosy.

Leviticus 15

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses and to Aaron, saying,
- 2 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, Any man when his *seed* issues forth out of his flesh, he *shall be* unclean.
- 3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh drips because of his issue or his flesh is stopped because of his issue, he shall be unclean.
- 4 Every bed on which the one that has the issue lies shall be unclean; and everything upon which he sits shall be unclean.
- 5 And whoever touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water and be unclean until the evening.
- 6 And he that sits on *any* thing upon which the one that has the issue sat shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water and be unclean until the evening.
- 7 Likewise he that touches the flesh of the one that has the issue shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening.
- 8 And if the one that has the issue spits upon him that is clean, then he shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water and be unclean until the evening.
- 9 And any saddle that he that has the issue rides upon shall be unclean.
- 10 And whoever touches any thing that was under him shall be unclean until the evening, and he that bears *any of* those things shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water and be unclean until the evening.
- 11 And whoever the one that has the issue touches and has not washed his hands with water, he shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water and be unclean until the evening.
- 12 And the vessel of earth that the one that has the issue touches shall be broken, and every vessel of wood shall be washed with water.
- 13 And when the one that has an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days from his purification and wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in living water, and he shall be clean.

14 And on the eighth day he shall take two turtledoves or two young pigeons and come before the LORD unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony and give them unto the priest;

15 and the priest shall offer the one as sin and the other as a burnt offering; and the priest shall reconcile him from his issue before the LORD.

16 And the man, when his seed shall go forth from him, then shall wash all his flesh in water and be unclean until the evening.

17 And every garment and every skin upon which the seed *of a man* has come shall be washed with water and be unclean until the evening.

18 The woman also with whom the man shall have *sexual* contact *with* seed, they shall *both* bathe *themselves* in water and be unclean until the evening.

19 ¶ And when the woman has an issue of blood *and* her issue is in her flesh, she shall be put apart seven days, and whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening.

20 And everything that she lies upon in her separation shall be unclean; everything also that she sits upon shall be unclean.

21 And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* with water and be unclean until the evening.

22 Also whoever touches any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water and be unclean until the evening.

23 And if *any thing* was on the bed or on any thing upon which she sat, he that touches it shall be unclean until the evening.

24 And if any man sleeps with her and her uncleanness comes upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and any bed upon which he sleeps shall be unclean.

25 And the woman when she has an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation or if it runs beyond the time of her separation, all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she *shall be* unclean.

26 Every bed upon which she sleeps all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation; and whatever she sits upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation.

27 Whoever touches these things shall be unclean and shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water and be unclean until the evening.

28 But when she is clean of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

29 And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtledoves or two young pigeons and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the testimony;

30 and the priest shall offer the one as sin and the other as a burnt offering; and the priest shall reconcile her before the LORD of the issue of her uncleanness.

31 Thus shall ye separate the sons of Israel from their uncleanness; and they shall not die for their uncleanness defiling my tabernacle that *is* among them.

32 This *is* the law of the one that has an issue and *of him* whose seed goes forth from him, causing him to be unclean because of it,

33 and of her that is suffering her menstruation, and of the one that has an issue, male or female, and of the man that lies with an unclean *woman*.

Leviticus 16

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they came near before the LORD and died;

2 and the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron, thy brother, that he not enter at all times into the sanctuary inside the veil before the seat of reconciliation, which *is* upon the ark, that he not die; for I will appear in the cloud above the seat of reconciliation.

3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place*: with a young bullock as sin and a ram as a burnt offering.

4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen underwear upon his flesh and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he cover himself. These *are* holy garments; and he shall wash his flesh with water and put them on.

5 ¶ And he shall take of the congregation of the sons of Israel two he goats as the sin and one ram as a burnt offering.

6 And Aaron shall cause the bullock of his sin to be brought, and make reconciliation for himself and for his house.

7 After that, he shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two he goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel. {Heb. entire removal}

9 And Aaron shall cause the he goat upon which the LORD's lot fell to be brought and offer him for the sin.

10 But the he goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make the reconciliation upon him *and* to send him to Azazel into the wilderness.

11 And Aaron shall cause the bullock of his own sin to be brought and shall make the reconciliation for himself and for his house and shall kill the bullock of his own sin.

12 After that he shall take the censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD and his hands full of aromatic incense beaten small and bring *it* inside the veil.

13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, and the cloud of the incense shall cover the seat of reconciliation that *is* upon the testimony, and he shall not die.

14 Then he shall take of the blood of the bullock and sprinkle *it* with his finger towards the seat of reconciliation eastward; towards the seat of reconciliation he shall sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 ¶ After that, he shall kill the goat of the sin of the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock and sprinkle it upon the seat of reconciliation and before the seat of reconciliation;

16 and he shall cleanse the sanctuary of the uncleanness of the sons of Israel and of their rebellions and of all their sins; in the same manner so shall he do for the tabernacle of the testimony, which dwells among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

17 And no man shall be in the tabernacle of the testimony when he enters in to make reconciliation in the sanctuary until he comes out and has made reconciliation for himself and for his household and for all the congregation of Israel.

18 And he shall go out unto the altar that *is* before the LORD and reconcile it and shall take of the blood of the bullock and of the blood of the he goat and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about.

19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times and cleanse it and sanctify it from the uncleanness of the sons of Israel.

20 ¶ And when he has made an end of reconciling the sanctuary and the tabernacle of the testimony and the altar, he shall cause the live he goat to be brought;

21 and Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live he goat and confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel and all their rebellions and all their sins, putting them thus upon the head of the he goat and shall send *him* away into the wilderness by the hand of *a* man prepared *for this*;

22 and that he goat shall bear upon itself all their iniquities unto an uninhabitable land; and he shall send the he goat into the wilderness.

23 After that, Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the testimony and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on to enter into the sanctuary, and shall put them there.

24 *Then* he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place and put on his garments and come forth after that and make his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people and make reconciliation for himself and for the people.

25 And the fat of the sin he shall incense upon the altar.

26 And he that took the he goat to Azazel shall wash his clothes and bathe his flesh with water and afterward come into the camp.

27 And he shall take outside the camp the bullock of the sin and the goat of the sin, whose blood was brought in to make the reconciliation in the sanctuary; and they shall burn in the fire their skins and their flesh and their dung.

28 And he that burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 ¶ And you shall hold this as a perpetual statute: In the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, ye shall afflict your souls and do no work at all, whether it is a natural *of your own country* or a stranger that sojourns among you;

30 for on that day he shall reconcile you to cleanse you *that* ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

31 It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a perpetual statute.

32 And the reconciliation shall be made by the priest who is anointed and whose hand has been filled to be priest in the place of his father; and he shall put on the linen clothes, the holy garments;

33 and he shall reconcile the holy sanctuary and reconcile the tabernacle of the testimony; he shall also reconcile the altar and the priests and all the people of the congregation.

34 And you shall hold this as a perpetual statute to reconcile the sons of Israel of all their sins once a year. And Moses did as the LORD commanded him.

Leviticus 17

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons and unto all the sons of Israel and say unto them: This *is* what the LORD has commanded, saying,

3 any man of the house of Israel that kills an ox or lamb or goat in the camp or that kills *it* out of the camp

4 and does not bring it unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD, blood shall be imputed unto that man; he has shed blood, and that man shall be cut off from among his people:

5 to the end that the sons of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they sacrifice in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony, unto the priest and sacrifice sacrifices of peace unto the LORD.

6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony and incense the fat in a very acceptable aroma unto the LORD.

7 And they shall never again offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they fornicate. They shall have this as a perpetual statute throughout their ages.

8 And thou shalt also say unto them: Any man of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among you that offers a burnt offering or sacrifice

9 and does not bring it unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony to offer it unto the LORD, even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10 ¶ And any man of the house of Israel or of the strangers that sojourn among you that eats any blood at all, I will set my face against that person that eats blood and will cut them off from among his people.

11 For the soul (or life) of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you to reconcile your persons (or souls) upon the altar; therefore the same blood reconciles the person.

12 Therefore I have said unto the sons of Israel: No person of you shall eat blood; neither shall any stranger that sojourns among you eat blood.

13 And any man of the sons of Israel or of the strangers that sojourn among you who hunts and catches any beast or fowl that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust.

14 For the soul of all flesh, its life, *is* in its blood; therefore, I have said unto the sons of Israel, Ye shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the soul (or the life) of all flesh *is* its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.

15 And any person that eats that which died *of itself* or that which was torn by beasts whether it is a natural *of your own country* or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water and be unclean until the evening; then he shall be clean.

16 But if he washes *them* not, nor bathes his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.

Leviticus 18

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, I AM your God.
3 You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, in which ye dwelt; nor shall you do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I bring you; neither shall ye walk in their statutes.
4 Ye shall comply with my rights and keep my statutes, walking in them. I AM your God.
5 Therefore you shall keep my rights and my statutes, of which the man doing them, shall live in them. I *am* the LORD.
6 ¶ No man shall approach any *woman* that is near of kin to him, to uncover her nakedness. I *am* the LORD.
7 The nakedness of thy father or the nakedness of thy mother, thou shalt not uncover; she *is* thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.
8 The nakedness of thy father's wife thou shalt not uncover; it is thy father's nakedness.
9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father or daughter of thy mother, whether she is born at home or born abroad, their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.
10 The nakedness of thy son's daughter or of thy daughter's daughter, their nakedness thou shalt not uncover; for theirs is thine own nakedness.
11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she *is* thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.
12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister; she *is* thy father's near kinswoman.
13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister; for she *is* thy mother's near kinswoman.
14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife; she *is* thine aunt.
15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter-in-law; she *is* thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife; it *is* thy brother's nakedness.

17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; neither shalt thou take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter to uncover her nakedness; *for* they are her near kinswomen; it *is* wickedness.

18 Neither shalt thou take a woman together with her sister, to make her a rival, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her lifetime.

19 ¶ Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is separated for her uncleanness.

20 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, contaminating thyself with her.

21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through *the fire* to Molech; neither shalt thou contaminate the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.

22 Thou shalt not lie with males as with women; it *is* abomination.

23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith; neither shall any woman stand before a beast to join herself with it; it *is* mixture.

24 Do not defile yourselves in any of these things; for in all these things the Gentiles which I cast out before you have defiled themselves;

25 and the land became defiled; therefore, I visited its iniquity upon it, and the land itself vomited out her inhabitants.

26 Ye shall, therefore, keep my statutes and my rights and shall not commit *any* of these abominations, *neither* the natural of your own nor any stranger that sojourns among you.

27 (For all these abominations were done by the men of the land who *were* before you, and the land was contaminated.)

28 And will the land not vomit you out also for having contaminated it, as it vomited out the Gentiles that were before you?

29 For whoever shall commit any of these abominations, the persons that commit *them* shall be cut off from among his people.

30 Keep, therefore, my ordinance that ye commit not *any one* of these abominable laws which were committed before you, and do not defile yourselves in them; I *am* the LORD your God.

Leviticus 19

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Speak unto all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say unto them, Ye shall be holy, for I the LORD your God *am* holy.
- 3 Ye shall fear, every man his mother and his father and keep my sabbaths. I AM your God.
- 4 Do not return unto idols nor make to yourselves molten gods. I AM your God.
- 5 And when ye offer a sacrifice of peace unto the LORD, ye shall offer it of your own free will.
- 6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it and on the next day, and any remaining until the third day shall be burnt in the fire.
- 7 And if it is eaten at all on the third day, it *is* abominable; it shall not be accepted;
- 8 and whoever eats it shall bear his iniquity because he has profaned the holiness of the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from among his people.
- 9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not completely reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.
- 10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather the fallen grapes of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and the stranger. I AM your God.
- 11 ¶ Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.
- 12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou defile the name of thy God. I *am* the LORD.
- 13 Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob *him*. Do not detain *the wages of* the work of the hired man in thy house until the morning.
- 14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God. I *am* the LORD.
- 15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, neither pleasing the poor, nor favoring the mighty; *but* in righteousness shalt thou judge thy

neighbour.

16 Thou shalt not travel about *as* a talebearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour. I *am* the LORD.

17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart; thou shalt rebuke thy neighbour in sincerity, that thou not bear sin for him.

18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the sons of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. I *am* the LORD.

19 ¶ Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy animal join *with a diverse kind* for mixtures; thou shalt not sow thy field with mixture, neither shalt thou wear garments of a mixture of different things.

20 And when a man lies carnally with a woman that is a bondmaid, betrothed to a husband and has not been completely ransomed nor been given her freedom, *both* shall be scourged; they shall not be put to death because *she* is not free.

21 And he shall bring *in expiation* for his guilt unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony, a ram for *expiation of* guilt.

22 And the priest shall reconcile him with the ram of the guilt before the LORD for his sin which he has committed, and the sin which he has committed shall be forgiven him.

23 And when ye have come into the land and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall circumcise the foreskin of the fruit; three years it shall be uncircumcised unto you; it shall not be eaten of.

24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holiness of rejoicing unto the LORD.

25 And in the fifth year ye shall eat of the fruit thereof that it may yield unto you the increase thereof. I AM your God.

26 Ye shall not eat *any thing* with blood. Ye shall not be fortunetellers, nor diviners.

27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.

28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you. I *am* the LORD.

29 Do not contaminate thy daughter, causing her to commit fornication, lest the land be prostituted, and the land become full of wickedness.

30 ¶ Ye shall keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary. I *am* the LORD.

31 Do not return unto spiritists or seek after diviners, to be defiled by them. I AM your God.

32 Thou shalt rise up before grey hair and honour the face of the elder and fear thy God. I *am* the LORD.

33 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not oppress him.

34 *But* the stranger that dwells with you shall be as the natural of yourselves, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. I AM your God.

35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measurement *of land*, in weight, or in other measure.

36 Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin shall ye have. I AM your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 Keep, therefore, all my statutes and all my rights and do them. I *am* the LORD.

Leviticus 20

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 Likewise, thou shalt say to the sons of Israel, Any man of the sons of Israel or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel that gives *any* of his seed unto Molech shall surely die; the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

3 And I will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people because he has given of his seed unto Molech, contaminating my sanctuary and defiling my holy name.

4 And if the people of the land should hide their eyes from the man, when he gives of his seed unto Molech, to not kill him,

5 then I will set my face against that man and against his family and will cut him off with all those that fornicated after him, prostituting themselves after Molech.

6 And the person that turns after spiritists or after diviners to prostitute themselves after them, I will even set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.

7 Sanctify yourselves, therefore, and be ye holy, for I *am* the LORD your God.

8 And keep my statutes and do them. I AM he who sanctifies you.

9 For any man that curses his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood *shall be* upon him.

10 ¶ And the man that commits adultery with *another* man's wife, *he* that commits adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely die.

11 And the man that lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely die; their blood *shall be* upon them.

12 And if a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have wrought mixture; their blood *shall be* upon them.

13 If a man shall join himself with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

14 And if a man takes a wife and her mother, it *is* wickedness; they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.

15 And if a man copulates with a beast, he shall surely be put to death, and ye shall slay the beast.

16 And if a woman approaches any animal, to join herself with it, thou shalt kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon themselves.

17 And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it *is* a wicked thing; and they shall be killed in the sight of the sons of their people; he has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her menstruation and shall uncover her nakedness, he has discovered her fountain, and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood; both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

19 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister; for he uncovers his near kin; they shall bear their iniquity.

20 And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.

21 And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it *is* an unclean thing; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

22 ¶ Keep, therefore, all my statutes and all my rights and do them, and the land where I bring you to dwell therein will not vomit you out.

23 And ye shall not walk in the practices of the Gentiles which I shall cast out before you; for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall possess their land, and I will give it unto you in possession of inheritance, a land that flows with milk and honey. I AM your God, who have separated you from the *other* peoples.

25 Therefore, ye shall differentiate between clean animals and unclean and between unclean fowls and clean; and ye shall not defile your persons by animals or by fowl or by any manner of living thing that moves on the ground which I have separated from you as unclean.

26 Ye must, therefore, be holy unto me, for I the LORD *am* holy and have separated you from the *other* peoples, that ye should be mine.

27 And the man or the woman that consults with spiritists, or that is a diviner, shall surely die; they shall stone them with stones; their blood *shall be* upon them.

Leviticus 21

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests, the sons of Aaron, and tell them to not be defiled for the dead among his people.

2 But for his kin, that is near unto him, *that is*, for his mother and for his father and for his son and for his daughter and for his brother

3 and for his virgin sister, that is near unto him, who has had no husband; for her he may be defiled.

4 He shall not defile himself for the prince among his people, to profane himself.

5 They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

6 They shall be holy unto their God and not profane the name of their God; for the offerings of the LORD made by fire *and* the bread of their God they do offer; therefore, they shall be holy.

7 They shall not take a wife *that is* a whore or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband; for he *is* holy unto his God.

8 Thou shalt sanctify him, therefore, for he offers the bread of thy God; he shall be holy unto thee; for I the LORD, who sanctify you, *am* holy.

9 And the daughter of the man *who is* a priest, if she begins to fornicate, she profanes her father; she shall be burnt with fire.

10 ¶ And *he that is* the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head nor rend his clothes;

11 neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or for his mother;

12 neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God, for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him. I *am* the LORD.

13 And he shall take a wife in her virginity.

14 A widow or a divorced woman or profane *or* a harlot, these he shall not take, but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

15 Neither shall he profane his seed among his people, for I AM he that sanctifies him.

16 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, The man of thy seed in their generations that has *any* blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God.

18 For no man in whom there is a blemish, shall approach: a blind man or a lame or he that lacks any thing or has any thing superfluous

19 or a man that is brokenfooted or brokenhanded

20 or crookbacked or a dwarf or that has a blemish in his eye or has scurvy or is scabbed or has his stones broken.

21 No man that has a blemish of the seed of Aaron, the priest, shall come near to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire. He has a blemish; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.

22 He shall eat the bread of his God, *both* of the most holy and of the sanctified things.

23 Only he shall not go inside the veil nor come near unto the altar because he has a blemish, that he not profane my sanctuary; for I AM he that sanctifies them.

24 And Moses told *it* unto Aaron and to his sons and unto all the sons of Israel.

Leviticus 22

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons that they abstain from the holy things of the sons of Israel and that they not profane my holy name *in those things* which they sanctify unto me. I *am* the LORD.

3 Say unto them, Any man of all your seed among your generations that goes in unto the holy things, which the children of Israel sanctify unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence. I *am* the LORD.

4 Whatever man of the seed of Aaron who *is* a leper or has a running issue shall not eat of the holy things until he is clean. And whosoever touches any thing *that is* unclean *by* the dead or a man whose seed has gone out from him

5 or the man who has touched any reptile, by which he shall be unclean, or a man of whom he shall become unclean, according to whatever uncleanness he has,

6 the person who has touched any such shall be unclean until evening and shall not eat of the holy things until he has washed his flesh with water.

7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean and shall afterward eat of the holy things, because it is his bread.

8 That which dies of itself or is torn *by beasts*, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith. I *am* the LORD.

9 They shall therefore keep my ordinance lest they bear sin for it and die therefore, if they profane it. I AM he who sanctifies them.

10 ¶ No stranger shall eat *of* the holy thing; a guest of the priest or a hired servant shall not eat *of* the holy thing.

11 But when the priest shall buy *any* soul with his money, he shall eat of it, and he that is born in his house, they shall eat of his bread.

12 If the priest's daughter becomes married unto a stranger, she may not eat of that which is set apart of the holy things.

13 But if the priest's daughter becomes a widow or divorced and has no child and is returned unto her father's house as in her youth, she shall eat of

her father's bread; but no stranger shall eat thereof.

14 And if a man eats *of* the holy thing by error, then he shall add the fifth *part* thereof unto it and shall give *it* unto the priest with the offering that he ate.

15 And they shall not profane the holy things of the sons of Israel, which they set apart unto the LORD,

16 or suffer them to bear the iniquity of their guilt, when they eat their holy things. For I AM he who sanctifies them.

17 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons and unto all the sons of Israel and say unto them, Any man of the house of Israel or of the strangers in Israel that will offer his oblation for all his vows and for all his freewill offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt offering,

19 *ye shall offer* of your own free will a male without blemish of the bovine cattle of the sheep or of the goats.

20 *But ye* shall not offer any thing that has a blemish, for it shall not be acceptable for you.

21 Likewise when anyone offers a sacrifice of peace unto the LORD to present *his* vow or a freewill offering in bovine cattle or sheep, it must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.

22 Blind or broken or maimed or having a running sore or scurvy or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering on fire of them upon the altar of the LORD.

23 A bullock or a lamb that has any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, *thou may* offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised or crushed or broken or cut; neither shall ye do thus in *all* your land.

25 Neither from the son of a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these because their corruption *is* in them *and* blemishes *are* in them; they shall not be accepted for you.

26 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

27 When a bullock or a sheep or a goat is born, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering on fire unto the LORD.

28 And *whether it is* cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it and her young both in one day.

29 And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer *it* of your own free will.

30 On the same day it shall be eaten up; ye shall leave none of it until the morrow. I *am* the LORD.

31 Keep, therefore, my commandments and do them. I am the LORD.

32 Profane ye not my holy name, and I will sanctify myself in the midst of the sons of Israel. I AM he who sanctifies you

33 and who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God. I *am* the LORD.

Leviticus 23

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, The feasts of the LORD, unto which ye shall make a general convocation of all the people, these shall be my feasts.

3 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day shall be a sabbath of rest, a holy convocation; ye shall do no work *therein*; it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 ¶ These are the feasts of the LORD, the holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their appointed times.

5 On the fourteenth of the first month between the two evenings is the LORD's passover.

6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD; seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

7 The first day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work therein.

8 And ye shall offer an offering on fire unto the LORD seven days; the seventh day *shall be* a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

9 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, When ye have entered into the land which I give unto you and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest;

11 and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD that ye shall be accepted; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf a he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

13 And the present thereof *shall be* two-tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil in an offering on fire unto the LORD *for* an acceptable aroma; and the drink offering thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth *part* of a hin.

14 And ye shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor green ears until this same day until ye have offered the offering of your God; *it shall be* a statute

for ever throughout your ages in all your dwellings.

15 ¶ And ye shall count unto you from the day after the sabbath, from the day that ye offered the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete;

16 unto the day after the seventh sabbath, ye shall number fifty days; then ye shall offer a new present unto the LORD.

17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two-tenth deals; they shall be of fine flour, they shall be baked with leaven, *they are* the firstfruits unto the LORD.

18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year and one young bullock and two rams; they shall be *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their presents and their drink offerings in an offering on fire, of a *very* acceptable aroma unto the LORD.

19 Then ye shall also sacrifice one he goat as the sin and two lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of peace.

20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits *for* a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs; they shall be holiness of the LORD for the priest.

21 And ye shall be summoned on that same day; it shall be a holy convocation unto you; ye shall do no servile work: a perpetual statute in all your dwellings throughout your ages.

22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest; thou shalt leave them for the poor and for the stranger. I AM your God.

23 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, In the seventh month in the first *day* of the month, ye shall have a rest, an alarm for a reminder, and a holy convocation.

25 Ye shall do no servile work *therein*; but ye shall offer an offering on fire unto the LORD.

26 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

27 But the tenth *day* of this seventh month *shall be* the day of reconciliations; it shall be a holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict

your souls and offer an offering made on fire unto the LORD.

28 And ye shall do no work in this same day; for it *is* a day of reconciliations, to reconcile you before the LORD your God.

29 For every person that shall not afflict themselves in that same day, shall be cut off from among his people.

30 And any person that does any work in that same day, the same person will I destroy from among his people.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work; *it shall be* a perpetual statute throughout your ages in all your dwellings.

32 It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of sabbaths, and ye shall afflict your souls, beginning in the ninth *day* of the month in the evening, from evening unto evening, shall ye rest *on* your sabbath.

33 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

34 Speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles unto the LORD *for* seven days.

35 The first day *shall be* a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering on fire unto the LORD; the eighth day ye shall have a holy convocation and offer an offering on fire unto the LORD; it is a feast; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

37 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, unto which ye shall be summoned: holy convocations to offer an offering on fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering and a present, a sacrifice and drink offerings, every thing in its *proper* time;

38 in addition the sabbaths of the LORD and in addition to your gifts and in addition to all your vows, and in addition to all your freewill offerings, which ye shall give unto the LORD.

39 But in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days; the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall also be a sabbath.

40 And on the first day ye shall take *branches* with fruit of a beautiful tree, palm branches and the boughs of thick trees and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

41 And ye shall keep this feast unto the LORD for seven days each year. *It shall be* a perpetual statute for your ages; ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 Ye shall dwell in tabernacles seven days; all that are natural of Israel shall dwell in booths,

43 that your descendants may know that I made the sons of Israel to dwell in tabernacles when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I AM your God.

44 *Thus* Moses declared unto the sons of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

Leviticus 24

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Command the sons of Israel that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.
- 3 Outside the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the testimony, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually; *it shall be* a perpetual statute for *all* your ages.
- 4 He shall order the lamps upon the pure lampstand before the LORD continually.
- 5 And thou shalt take fine flour and bake twelve cakes thereof; each cake shall be of two-tenth deals.
- 6 And thou shalt set them in two orders, six *in each* order, upon the clean table before the LORD.
- 7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each* order, that it may be on the bread for an aroma and incense unto the LORD.
- 8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually: *an* everlasting covenant of the sons of Israel.
- 9 And it shall belong to Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in the holy place, for it *is* most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD on fire, by a perpetual statute.
- 10 ¶ In that season the son of an Israelite woman, whose father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the sons of Israel; and this son of the Israelite *woman* and a man of Israel strove together in the camp;
- 11 and the Israelite woman's son pronounced the Name and cursed; and they brought him unto Moses. And his mother's name *was* Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.
- 12 And they put him in ward that the mind of the LORD might be showed them.
- 13 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 14 Bring forth the one that has blasphemed outside the camp and let all that heard *him* lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

15 And thou shalt speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, The man that speaks evil of his God shall bear his sin.

16 And he that pronounces the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him; the same with the stranger as with the natural, if he pronounces the Name, he shall be put to death.

17 Likewise he that kills any man shall surely be put to death.

18 And he that kills an animal shall make it good: animal for animal.

19 And if a man causes a blemish in his neighbour; as he has done, so shall it be done to him;

20 breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he has caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him *again*.

21 He that kills an animal shall restore it, but he that kills a man shall be put to death.

22 Ye shall have one manner of law: as for the stranger, so shall it be for the natural; for I *am* the LORD your God.

23 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel that they should bring forth the one that had blasphemed out of the camp and stone him with stones. And the sons of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Leviticus 25

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses in Mount Sinai, saying,
- 2 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, When ye have come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.
- 3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard and gather in the fruit thereof,
- 4 but the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath of rest, a sabbath unto the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field nor prune thy vineyard.
- 5 That which grows of its own accord in thy land that was harvested, thou shalt not reap; neither fence in the grapes of thy consecrated vine; *for* it is a year of rest unto the land.
- 6 But the sabbath of the land shall be food for you, for thee and for thy slave and for thy maid and for thy hired servant and for thy stranger that sojourns with thee
- 7 and for thy beast and for the animals that *are* in thy land shall all the fruit thereof be food.
- 8 ¶ And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty-nine years.
- 9 Then shalt thou cause the shofar to *sound* an alarm on the tenth *day* of the seventh month; in the day of the reconciliations shall ye cause the shofar to sound throughout all your land.
- 10 And ye shall sanctify the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every one unto his possession, and ye shall return each one unto his family.
- 11 A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you; ye shall not sow nor reap that which grows of itself in it nor fence in thy consecrated vine.
- 12 For it *is* the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you; ye shall eat the fruit of the land.
- 13 In this year of jubilee ye shall return each one unto his possession.

14 And if thou sell anything unto thy neighbour or buy *anything* of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another.

15 According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, *and* according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee.

16 According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it; for *according* to the number *of the years* of the fruits does he sell unto thee.

17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God; for I *am* the LORD your God.

18 Execute, therefore, my statutes and keep my rights and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety;

19 and the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill and dwell therein in safety.

20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow nor gather in our fruits,

21 then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

22 And ye shall sow the eighth year and eat *yet* of old fruit; until the ninth year, until her fruits come in ye shall eat *of* the old *store*.

23 ¶ The land shall not be sold for ever, for the land *is* mine; for ye *are* strangers and sojourners with me.

24 Therefore, in all the land of your possession, ye shall grant a redemption for the land.

25 If thy brother becomes poor and has sold away *some* of his possession, his redeemer shall come, his closest *kinsman*, and shall redeem that which his brother sold.

26 And when the man has no redeemer and is able to stretch forth his hand and find enough for his redemption,

27 then he shall count the years from the sale thereof and pay that which remains unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession.

28 But if he is not able to stretch forth his hand and find enough to return unto it, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of the one that has

bought it until the year of jubilee; and in the jubilee *the land* shall go out *free*, and he shall return unto his possession.

29 And if a man sells a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; *within* a full year may he redeem it.

30 And if it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be established for ever to the one that bought it for his descendants; it shall not go out in the jubilee.

31 But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country; they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee.

32 Notwithstanding the cities of the Levites *and* the houses of the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time.

33 And if a man *makes a* purchase from the Levites, then the house that was sold and the city of his possession, shall go out in *the year of* jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites *are* their possession among the sons of Israel.

34 But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold, for it *is* their perpetual possession.

35 And if thy brother becomes poor and comes unto thee, then thou shalt receive him; as a stranger, or a sojourner, he shall live with thee.

36 Take thou no usury of him, or increase; but thou shalt have the fear of thy God, and thy brother shall live with thee.

37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy food for increase.

38 I AM your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan *and* to be your God.

39 ¶ And when thy brother becomes poor, *being* with thee, and if he should sell himself unto thee, thou shalt not compel him to serve as a slave.

40 As a hired servant *and* as a sojourner, he shall be with thee *and* shall serve thee unto the year of jubilee.

41 Then he shall depart *free* from thy house, *both* he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he be restored.

42 For they belong to me, I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves.

43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigor, but shalt fear thy God.

44 Both thy menslaves and thy maidslaves, which thou shalt have, *shall be* of the Gentiles that are round about you; of them shall ye buy slaves.

45 Ye may also buy of the children of the strangers that live among you and of those of their lineage that are born in your land, who *are* with you, and they shall be your possession.

46 And ye shall possess them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit as a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever; but over your brethren, the sons of Israel, ye shall not rule over one another with rigor.

47 And if a sojourner or stranger who is with thee becomes rich and thy brother who is with him becomes poor and sells himself unto the stranger *or* sojourner who is with thee or to the race of the lineage of the stranger,

48 after he is sold he shall have redemption; one of his brethren shall redeem him;

49 either his uncle or his uncle's son shall redeem him; or *any* that is near of kin unto him of his lineage shall redeem him; or if he is able, he may redeem himself.

50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall be according to the number of years, according to the time of a hired servant shall it be with him.

51 If *there are* yet many years, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.

52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, *and* according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption.

53 *And* as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him; *and the other* shall not rule with rigor over him in thy sight.

54 And if he is not redeemed in these *years*, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, *both* he and his children with him.

55 For the sons of Israel *are* mine; they *are* my slaves whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt. I AM your God.

Leviticus 26

1 ¶ Ye shall make no idols for yourselves nor graven image, neither shall you raise up a title, neither shall ye place *any* painted stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I AM your God.

2 Keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

3 If ye walk in my statutes and keep my commandments and do them,

4 then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5 And your threshing shall last unto the vintage, and the vintage shall last unto the sowing time; and ye shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land safely.

6 For I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and no one shall make *you* afraid; and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8 And five of you shall chase one hundred, and one hundred of you shall put ten thousands to flight; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9 For I will return unto you and make you fruitful and multiply you and establish my covenant with you.

10 And ye shall eat old store and bring forth the old because of the new.

11 And I will set my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you.

12 And I will walk among you and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

13 I AM your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk *with* your faces uplifted.

14 ¶ But if ye will not hearken unto me and will not do all these my commandments;

15 and if ye shall despise my statutes or if your soul should abhor my rights so that ye will not do all my commandments *but* that ye break my covenant,

16 I also will do this unto you: I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague that shall consume the eyes and torment the soul, and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 And I will place my wrath upon you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies; those that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when no one pursues you.

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

19 And I will break the pride of your stronghold, and I will make your heaven as iron and your earth as bronze.

20 And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

21 And if ye walk contrary unto me and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

22 I will also send wild beasts among you which shall rapture your children and destroy your animals and make you few in number, and your ways shall be desolate.

23 And if ye will not be corrected by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me,

24 then will I also walk contrary unto you and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

25 And I will bring an avenging sword upon you, in vindication of the covenant; and ye shall gather together within your cities; but I will send pestilence among you, and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26 When I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight, and ye shall eat and not be satisfied.

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me but walk contrary unto me,

28 then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury, and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

30 And I will destroy your high places and cut down your images and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor

you.

31 And I will make your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the aroma of your suave *incense*.

32 And I will bring the land into desolation, and your enemies who dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

33 And I will scatter you among the Gentiles and will draw out a sword after you, and your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.

34 Then shall the land rest for her sabbaths all the days that it lies desolate, while you are in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest and enjoy her sabbaths.

35 All the time that it shall be desolate, it shall rest that which it did not rest in your sabbaths when ye dwelt upon it.

36 And upon those that are left *alive* of you I will send *such* cowardice into their hearts in the lands of their enemies, that the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursue.

37 And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursue; and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

38 And ye shall perish among the Gentiles, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

39 And those that are left of you shall pine away for their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and for the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

40 ¶ And they shall confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers for their trespass which they trespassed against me and that also they have walked contrary unto me,

41 and *that* I also have walked contrary unto them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; and then their uncircumcised hearts shall be humbled, and they shall plead because of their iniquity;

42 and I will remember my covenant *with* Jacob and likewise my covenant *with* Isaac, and also my covenant *with* Abraham will I remember, and I will remember the land.

43 That the land shall be without them and shall rest her sabbaths, being desolate because of them; and they shall plead because of their iniquity

because they despised my rights and their soul abhorred my statutes.

44 And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them to destroy them utterly and to break my covenant with them; for I AM their God.

45 But I will remember them *because of* the old covenant, when I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the Gentiles, that I might be their God: I *am* the LORD.

46 These *are* the statutes and rights and laws, which the LORD established between him and the sons of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

Leviticus 27

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, When someone shall make a special vow unto the LORD, according to the estimation of the persons *that are to be redeemed*, thus shall be thy estimation:
- 3 Regarding the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.
- 4 And if *it is* a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels.
- 5 And if *it is* from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels.
- 6 And if *it is* from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation *shall be* three shekels of silver.
- 7 And if *it is* from sixty years old and above, if *it is* a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.
- 8 But if he is poorer than thy estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of the one that vowed shall the priest value him.
- 9 And if *it is* an animal which is offered unto the LORD, all that *anyone* gives of such unto the LORD shall be holy.
- 10 He shall not alter it nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; and if he shall exchange one animal for another, then it and the one exchanged thereof shall belong to the sanctuary.
- 11 And if *it is* an unclean animal, which cannot be offered as a sacrifice unto the LORD, then he shall present the animal before the priest;
- 12 and the priest shall value it, whether it is good or bad; according to the estimation of the priest, so shall it be.
- 13 But if it must be redeemed, then they shall add a fifth *part* thereof unto thy estimation.

14 ¶ And when a man shall sanctify his house *to be* holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall value it, whether it is good or bad; as the priest shall value it, so shall it stand.

15 And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his.

16 And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD *some part* of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof; one homer of barley seed *shall be valued* at fifty shekels of silver.

17 If he sanctifies his field from the year of jubilee, according to thy estimation it shall stand.

18 But if he sanctifies his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain until the year of the jubilee, and it shall be abated from thy estimation.

19 And if he that sanctified the field desires to redeem it, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him.

20 But if he should not redeem the field, and if the field is sold to another, it shall not be redeemed any more;

21 but the field, when it goes out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field of anathema; the possession thereof shall be the priest's.

22 And if *anyone* sanctifies unto the LORD a field which he has bought, which is not of the fields of his inheritance,

23 then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation until the year of the jubilee; and that day he shall give thy assigned price, *as a holy thing* unto the LORD.

24 In the year of the jubilee the field shall return unto the one of whom it was bought, unto whom the inheritance of the land *did belong*.

25 And all thy values shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

26 ¶ But the firstborn of the animals, which because it is firstborn belongs to the LORD, no one shall sanctify it; whether *it is* ox or sheep, *it is* the LORD's.

27 And if *it is* of an unclean beast, it shall be ransomed according to thy estimation, and they shall add a fifth *part* unto it; or if it is not redeemed,

then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

28 But no anathema, that anyone shall devote unto the LORD of all that they have of men and animals and of the fields of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed. All anathema *is* most holy unto the LORD.

29 Any anathema of men which is devoted shall not be ransomed, *but* shall surely be put to death.

30 And all the tithes of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's; *it is* holiness unto the LORD.

31 And if anyone desires to redeem *anything* of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth *part* thereof.

32 And concerning the tithe of the cows or of the sheep, *even* of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holiness unto the LORD.

33 He shall not search whether it is good or bad, neither shall he change it; and if he changes it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These *are* the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses for the sons of Israel in Mount Sinai.

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Numbers 1

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the testimony, on the first of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the sons of Israel by their families, by the houses of their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their polls,

3 from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel; thou and Aaron shall number them by their hosts.

4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe, every one head of the house of his fathers.

5 And these *are* the names of the men that shall stand with you: of *the tribe of* Reuben, Elizur, the son of Shedeur;

6 of Simeon, Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai;

7 of Judah, Nahshon, the son of Amminadab;

8 of Issachar, Nethaneel, the son of Zuar;

9 of Zebulun, Eliab, the son of Helon;

10 of the sons of Joseph, of Ephraim, Elishama, the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur;

11 of Benjamin, Abidan, the son of Gideoni;

12 of Dan, Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai;

13 of Asher, Pagiel, the son of Ocran;

14 of Gad, Eliasaph, the son of Deuel;

15 of Naphtali, Ahira, the son of Enan;

16 these were the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, captains of the thousands of Israel.

17 ¶ And Moses and Aaron took these men who were designated by *their* names,

18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the first of the second month, and they were gathered by their lineages, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls,

19 as the LORD had commanded Moses; and he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 And the sons of Reuben, *the* firstborn of Israel, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

21 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Reuben, *were* forty-six thousand five hundred.

22 Of the sons of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, those that were numbered of him, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war,

23 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Simeon, *were* fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

24 Of the sons of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war,

25 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Gad, *were* forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.

26 Of the sons of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war,

27 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Judah, *were* seventy-four thousand six hundred.

28 Of the sons of Issachar, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war,

29 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Issachar, *were* fifty-four thousand four hundred.

30 Of the sons of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war,

31 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Zebulun, *were* fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

32 Of the sons of Joseph: of the sons of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war,

33 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ephraim, *were* forty thousand five hundred; *and*

34 of the sons of Manasseh, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war,

35 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Manasseh, *were* thirty-two thousand two hundred.

36 Of the sons of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war,

37 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Benjamin, *were* thirty-five thousand four hundred.

38 Of the sons of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war,

39 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Dan, *were* sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

40 Of the sons of Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war,

41 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Asher, *were* forty-one thousand five hundred.

42 Of the sons of Naphtali, by their generations, after their families, by the houses of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war,

43 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Naphtali, *were* fifty-three thousand four hundred.

44 ¶ These *are* those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the twelve princes of Israel, one man for each house of his fathers.

45 So were all those that were numbered of the sons of Israel, by the houses of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;

46 all those that were numbered were six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.

47 ¶ But the Levites according to the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them.

48 For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying,

49 Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the sons of Israel;

50 But thou shalt place the Levites in the tabernacle of the testimony and over all the vessels thereof and over all things that *belong* to it; they shall bear the tabernacle and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister in it and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.

51 And when the tabernacle departs, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up; and the stranger that comes near shall be put to death.

52 And the sons of Israel shall pitch their tents, each man by his own camp and each man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

53 But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of the testimony that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the sons of Israel; and the

Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of the testimony.

54 And the sons of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

Numbers 2

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
- 2 Each man of the sons of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, according to the ensigns of the houses of their fathers; round about the tabernacle of the testimony shall they pitch.
- 3 ¶ These shall pitch toward the sunrise, on the east: the standard of the camp of Judah throughout their hosts and the prince of the sons of Judah, Nahshon, the son of Amminadab.
- 4 His host, *with* those that were numbered of them, *were* seventy-four thousand six hundred.
- 5 Next to him shall pitch *those of* the tribe of Issachar and the prince of the sons of Issachar, Nethaneel, the son of Zuar.
- 6 His host, *with* those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty-four thousand four hundred.
- 7 And the tribe of Zebulun and the prince of the sons of Zebulun, Eliab, the son of Helon.
- 8 His host, *with* those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty-seven thousand four hundred.
- 9 All that were numbered in the camp of Judah *were* one hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred, by their hosts. These shall set forth first.
- 10 The standard of the camp of Reuben shall be towards the Negev, by their hosts and the prince of the sons of Reuben, Elizur, the son of Shedeur.
- 11 His host, *with* those that were numbered thereof, *were* forty-six thousand five hundred.
- 12 And those which pitch by him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon and the prince of the sons of Simeon, Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai.
- 13 His host, *with* those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty-nine thousand three hundred.
- 14 And the tribe of Gad and the prince of the sons of Gad, Eliasaph, the son of Reuel.
- 15 His host, *with* those that were numbered of them, *were* forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.

16 All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben *were* one hundred fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty, by their hosts. And they shall set forth second.

17 Then shall set forward the tabernacle of the testimony, the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps, in the manner that they encamp, so shall they set forward, each one in his place by their standards.

18 The standard of the camp of Ephraim by his hosts, on the west and the prince of the sons of Ephraim, Elishama, the son of Ammihud.

19 His host, *with* those that were numbered of them, *were* forty thousand five hundred.

20 By him *shall be* the tribe of Manasseh and the prince of the sons of Manasseh, Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur.

21 His host, with those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty-two thousand two hundred.

22 And the tribe of Benjamin and the prince of the sons of Benjamin, Abidan, the son of Gideoni.

23 His host, *with* those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty-five thousand four hundred.

24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim *were* one hundred and eight thousand one hundred, by their hosts. And they shall go forward third.

25 The standard of the camp of Dan *shall be* on the Aquilon by their hosts and the prince of the sons of Dan, Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai.

26 His host, *with* those that were numbered of them, *were* sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

27 Next to him shall camp *those of* the tribe of Asher and the prince of the sons of Asher, Pagiel, the son of Ocran.

28 His host, *with* those that were numbered of them, *were* forty-one thousand five hundred.

29 And the tribe of Naphtali and the prince of the sons of Naphtali, Ahira, the son of Enan.

30 His host, *with* those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty-three thousand four hundred.

31 All those that were numbered in the camp of Dan *were* one hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred. They shall go last behind their standards.

32 These *are* those who were numbered of the sons of Israel by the houses of their fathers; all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts *were* six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.

33 But the Levites were not numbered among the sons of Israel, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

34 And the sons of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses; so they pitched by their standards, and so they marched, each one after their families, according to the houses of their fathers.

Numbers 3

1 ¶ These also *are* the generations of Aaron and of Moses in the day *that* the LORD spoke with Moses in Mount Sinai.

2 And these *are* the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab, the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

3 These *are* the names of the sons of Aaron, anointed priests, whose hands he filled to administer the priesthood.

4 But Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no sons; and Eleazar and Ithamar exercised the priesthood in the sight of Aaron, their father.

5 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near and present them before Aaron, the priest, that they may minister unto him.

7 And they shall keep his commandment and the commandment of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the testimony, to minister in the service of the tabernacle.

8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the testimony and the charge of the sons of Israel, to minister in the service of the tabernacle.

9 And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons; they *are* completely given unto him out of the sons of Israel.

10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons that they shall guard their priesthood; and the stranger that comes near shall be put to death.

11 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

12 Behold, I have taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of all the firstborn that open the womb among the sons of Israel; therefore the Levites shall be mine;

13 because all the firstborn *are* mine; from the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both of men and of animals; they shall be mine: I *am* the LORD.

14 ¶ The LORD also spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15 Number the sons of Levi by the houses of their fathers, by their families; thou shalt number every male from a month old and upward.

16 And Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon and Kohath and Merari.

18 And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei.

19 And the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram, Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 And the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These *are* the families of the Levites according to the houses of their fathers.

21 Of Gershon *was* the family of Libni and the family of Shimei; these *are* the families of Gershon.

22 Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, those that were numbered of them *were* seven thousand five hundred.

23 The families of Gershon shall pitch behind the tabernacle to the west;

24 and the prince of the house of the father of the Gershonites, Eliasaph, son of Lael.

25 And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the testimony *shall be* the tabernacle and the tent, the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the testimony,

26 and the hangings of the court and the curtain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.

27 And of Kohath *was* the family of Amram and the family of Izehar and the family of Hebron and the family of Uzziel; these *are* the families of the Kohathites.

28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* eight thousand six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle towards the Negev;

30 and the prince of the house of the father of the families of Kohath, Elizaphan, son of Uzziel.

31 And their charge *shall be* the ark and the table and the lampstand and the altars and the vessels of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the veil, with all its service.

32 And Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, *shall be* principal over the princes of the Levites *and have* the oversight of those that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 Of Merari *was* the family of Mahli and the family of Mushi; these *are* the families of Merari.

34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* six thousand two hundred;

35 and the prince of the house of the father of the families of Merari, Zuriel the son of Abihail: *these* shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle to the Aquilon.

36 And *under* the custody and charge of the sons of Merari *shall be* the boards of the tabernacle and the bars thereof and the pillars thereof and the sockets thereof and all the instruments thereof, with all its service,

37 and the pillars of the court round about and their sockets and their stakes and their cords.

38 And those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, before the tabernacle of the testimony towards the sunrise, *shall be* Moses and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the sons of Israel; and the stranger that comes near shall be put to death.

39 All that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron, according to the word of the LORD, numbered by their families, all the males from a month old and upward, *were* twenty-two thousand.

40 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Number all the firstborn of the males of the sons of Israel from a month old and upward and take the number of their names.

41 And thou shalt take the Levites for me (I *am* the LORD) instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel and the animals of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the animals of the sons of Israel.

42 And Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the firstborn among the sons of Israel.

43 And all the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty-two thousand two hundred seventy-three.

44 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

45 Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel and the animals of the Levites instead of their animals, and the Levites shall be mine; I *am* the LORD.

46 And for the ransoms of the two hundred seventy-three of the firstborn of the sons of Israel, who are more than the Levites,

47 thou shalt take five shekels apiece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take *them* (the shekel is of twenty gerahs).

48 And thou shalt give the money, of the ransoms of the odd number of them, unto Aaron and to his sons.

49 And Moses took the ransom money of those that were over and above the ones that were redeemed by the Levites

50 and received of the firstborn of the sons of Israel, in money, a thousand three hundred and sixty-five *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

51 And Moses gave the money of the ransoms unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Numbers 4

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
- 2 Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the houses of their fathers,
- 3 from thirty years old and upward until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do work in the tabernacle of the testimony.
- 4 This *shall be* the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the testimony, in the holy of holies:
- 5 When the camp is to be moved, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down the covering veil and cover the ark of testimony with it
- 6 and shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins and shall spread over *it* a cloth entirely of blue and shall put in the staves thereof.
- 7 And upon the table of showbread they shall spread a cloth of blue and put thereon the dishes and the spoons and the bowls and covers to cover withal; and the continual bread shall be thereon.
- 8 And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins and shall put in the staves thereof.
- 9 And they shall take a cloth of blue and cover the lampstand of the light and its lamps and its tongs and its snuffdishes and all the oil vessels thereof with which they minister unto it;
- 10 and they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins and shall put *it* upon a bar.
- 11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins and shall put in the staves thereof;
- 12 and they shall take all the vessels of ministry with which they minister in the sanctuary and put *them* in a cloth of blue and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins and shall put *them* on a bar.
- 13 And they shall take away the *ashes with the burnt* fat from the altar and spread a purple cloth thereon
- 14 and they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof with which they minister about it: the censers, the fleshhooks, the shovels, and the basins, all the

vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins and put in the staves of it.

15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary and all the vessels of the sanctuary when the camp is to set forward, after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear *it*, but they shall not touch *any* holy thing, lest they die. These *things are* the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the testimony.

16 But unto the care of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, *shall be* the oil of the light and the aromatic incense and the daily present and the anointing oil *and* the care of all the tabernacle and of all that is therein, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.

17 And the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

18 Ye shall not cut off the tribe of the families of Kohath from among the Levites,

19 but thus do unto them that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the holy of holies: Aaron and his sons shall come and place each one of them in his ministry and to his burden.

20 They shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die.

21 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

22 Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, throughout the houses of their fathers, by their families;

23 from thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them, all that enter in to the host to do work in the tabernacle of the testimony.

24 This *shall be* the service of the families of Gershon, to minister and to *bear* burdens:

25 They shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle and the tabernacle of the testimony, its covering, and the covering of badgers' skins that is over it above and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the testimony

26 and the hangings of the court and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords and all the instruments of their service and all that is made for them; so shall they serve.

27 According to the word of Aaron and his sons shall be all the ministry of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens and in all their service; and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.

28 This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the testimony, and their charge *shall be* under the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest.

29 As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them after their families, by the houses of their fathers.

30 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, all that enters into the host, to do work in the tabernacle of the testimony.

31 And this *shall be* the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the testimony: the boards of the tabernacle and the bars thereof and the pillars thereof and sockets thereof,

32 and the pillars of the court round about and their sockets and their stakes and their cords with all their instruments and with all their service; and ye shall number by name the vessels of the charge of their burden.

33 This *shall be* the service of the families of the sons of Merari for all their ministry, in the tabernacle of the testimony, under the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest.

34 ¶ So Moses and Aaron and the princes of the congregation numbered the sons of Kohath after their families and after the houses of their fathers,

35 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to minister in the tabernacle of the testimony.

36 And those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.

37 These were the numbered of the families of Kohath, all that minister in the tabernacle of the testimony, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, throughout their families and by the houses of their fathers,

39 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to minister in the tabernacle of the testimony,

40 those that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the houses of their fathers, were two thousand six hundred and thirty.

41 These were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, all that minister in the tabernacle of the testimony, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD.

42 And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, throughout their families, by the houses of their fathers,

43 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to minister in the tabernacle of the testimony,

44 those that were numbered of them after their families, were three thousand two hundred.

45 These *were* those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the princes of Israel numbered, after their families and after the houses of their fathers,

47 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered in to serve in the service and to *bear* a burden in the tabernacle of the testimony,

48 those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand five hundred and eighty.

49 As the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, they were numbered, each one according to his ministry and according to his burden; thus were they numbered of Moses, as the LORD commanded him.

Numbers 5

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the sons of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper and every one that has an issue and anyone who is defiled by the dead.

3 Both male and female shall ye put out; ye shall put them outside the camp; that they not defile the camp of those among whom I dwell.

4 And the sons of Israel did so and put them outside the camp; as the LORD spoke unto Moses, so did the sons of Israel.

5 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

6 Speak unto the sons of Israel, When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person is guilty,

7 then they shall confess their sin which they have done, and he shall recompense his guilt with the principal thereof and add unto it the fifth *part* thereof and give *it* unto *him* against whom he is guilty.

8 But if that man has no redeemer to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the LORD, *even* to the priest, beside the ram of the reconciliations, whereby reconciliation shall be made for him.

9 And every offering of all the holy things of the sons of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.

10 And every man's sanctified things shall be his; likewise whatever any man gives the priest, it shall be his.

11 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

12 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, If any man's wife goes astray and betrays him,

13 and a man lies with her carnally, and it is hid from the eyes of her husband because she contaminated herself in secret, and *there is* no witness against her, neither was she taken in the act;

14 if a spirit of jealousy should come upon him, and he becomes jealous of his wife, and she is defiled; or if a spirit of jealousy comes upon him, and he becomes jealous of his wife, and she is not defiled,

15 then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it *is* a present of jealousy, a present of remembrance, which brings iniquity to memory.

16 And the priest shall bring her near and set her before the LORD.

17 *Then* the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take and put *it* into the water.

18 And the priest shall cause the woman to stand before the LORD and shall uncover the woman's head and put the present of remembrance in her hands, which *is* the present of jealousy; and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that brings the curse.

19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath and say unto the woman, If no man has lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone astray from thy husband to uncleanness, thou shalt be clean from this bitter water that brings the curse.

20 But if thou hast gone astray from thy husband and hast defiled thyself and some man has placed seed in thee other than thine husband,

21 (the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing) and the priest shall say unto the woman, Let the LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people when the LORD makes thy thigh to fail and thy belly to swell,

22 and this water that causes the curse shall go into thy bowels and cause *thy* belly to swell and *thy* thigh to fail. And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.

23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water;

24 and he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that brings the curse, and the water that brings the curse shall enter into her as bitter.

25 *Then* the priest shall take the present of jealousy out of the woman's hand and shall wave the offering before the LORD and offer it before the altar.

26 And the priest shall take a handful of the present, in memory of her, and incense *it* upon the altar and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.

27 He shall give her, therefore, the water to drink, and it shall come to pass, *that* if she is defiled and has betrayed her husband, that the water that works the curse shall enter into her in bitterness, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fail; and that woman shall be a curse among her people.

28 But if the woman is not defiled, but is clean; then she shall be free and shall conceive seed.

29 This *is* the law of jealousies when a woman goes astray, *being* under the power of her husband, and is defiled;

30 or of the husband upon whom a spirit of jealousy comes, and he is jealous over his wife; he shall *then* present the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute in her all this law.

31 And that man shall be free from iniquity, and the woman shall bear her iniquity.

Numbers 6

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate *themselves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to dedicate *themselves* unto the LORD,
- 3 they shall separate *themselves* from wine and strong drink and shall drink no vinegar of wine or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall they drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes or dried.
- 4 All the days of their Nazariteship they shall eat nothing that is made of the wine vine, from the kernels even to the husk.
- 5 All the days of the vow of their Nazariteship no razor shall come upon their head, until the days are fulfilled of their separation unto the LORD; they shall be holy *and* shall let the locks of the hair of their head grow.
- 6 All the days that they separate *themselves* unto the LORD they shall come in unto no dead body.
- 7 They shall not make themselves unclean for their father or for their mother, for their brother or for their sister, when they die because the consecration of their God *is* upon their head.
- 8 All the days of their Nazariteship they *are* holy unto the LORD.
- 9 And if anyone dies very suddenly beside them, and they have defiled the head of their Nazariteship, then they shall shave their head in the day of their cleansing; on the seventh day shall they shave it.
- 10 And on the eighth day they shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest to the door of the tabernacle of the testimony,
- 11 and the priest shall offer the one as the sin and the other as a burnt offering and reconcile the one that sinned upon the dead and shall sanctify their head that same day.
- 12 And they shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of their Nazariteship and shall bring a lamb of the first year for their guilt; but the days that were before shall be lost because their Nazariteship was defiled.
- 13 This is, therefore, the law of the Nazarite, in the day in which their Nazariteship is fulfilled: they shall be brought unto the door of the

tabernacle of the testimony;

14 and they shall offer their offering unto the LORD, one he lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish as *the* sin and one ram without blemish for peace offerings,

15 and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil and their present and their drink offerings.

16 And the priest shall bring *them* before the LORD and shall offer his sin and his burnt offering;

17 and he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread; the priest shall likewise offer his present and his drink offering.

18 Then the Nazarite shall shave the head of their Nazariteship *at* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony and shall take the hair of the head of their Nazariteship and put it upon the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace.

19 Then the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram and one unleavened cake out of the basket and one unleavened wafer and shall put *them* upon the hands of the Nazarite after their Nazariteship is shaven;

20 and the priest shall wave them *for* a wave *offering* before the LORD, which shall be a holy thing of the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder; and after that the Nazarite shall drink wine.

21 This *is* the law of the Nazarite who made a vow of their offering unto the LORD for their Nazariteship, beside that which their means allows, according to the vow which they vowed, so they must do according to the law of their Nazariteship.

22 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, Thus shall ye bless the sons of Israel, saying unto them,

24 The LORD bless thee and keep thee;

25 the LORD make his face shine upon thee and have mercy on thee;

26 the LORD lift up his face upon thee, and place peace in thee.

27 And they shall place my name upon the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.

Numbers 7

1 ¶ And it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle and had anointed it and sanctified it with all its vessels; likewise having anointed and sanctified the altar, with all its vessels;

2 that the princes of Israel, heads of the houses of their fathers, who *were* the princes of the tribes, and were over those that were numbered, offered;

3 and they brought their offerings before the LORD, six covered wagons and twelve oxen: a wagon for each two of the princes and for each one an ox, which they offered before the tabernacle.

4 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

5 Take *it* from them, and it shall be for the service of the tabernacle of the testimony; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to each one according to his ministry.

6 Then Moses received the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.

7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their ministry;

8 and four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according to their ministry, under the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none; because the ministry of the sanctuary belonging unto them *was that* they should bear upon their shoulders.

10 ¶ And the princes offered at the dedication of the altar the day that it was anointed; even the princes offered their offering before the altar.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, at the dedication of the altar.

12 And he that offered his offering the first day *was* Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah.

13 And his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight thereof *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the

shekel of the sanctuary; both of them *were* full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

14 one spoon of ten *shekels* of gold, full of incense;

15 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

16 one he goat as *the* sin;

17 and for a sacrifice of peace, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab.

18 On the second day Nethaneel, the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, offered.

19 He offered *for* his offering one silver charger, the weight thereof *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

20 one spoon of gold of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

21 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

22 one he goat as *the* sin;

23 and for a sacrifice of peace: two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

24 On the third day Eliab, the son of Helon, prince of the sons of Zebulun.

25 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight thereof *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

26 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

27 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

28 one he goat as *the* sin;

29 and for a sacrifice of peace: two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Eliab, the son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day Elizur, the son of Shedeur, prince of the sons of Reuben.

31 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the

sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

32 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

33 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

34 one he goat as *the sin*;

35 and for a sacrifice of peace: two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Elizur, the son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the sons of Simeon.

37 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight thereof was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

38 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

39 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

40 one he goat as *the sin*;

41 and for a sacrifice of peace, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

42 On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the sons of Gad.

43 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

44 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

45 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

46 one kid of the goats as *the sin*;

47 and for a sacrifice of peace, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Eliasaph, the son of Deuel.

48 On the seventh day Elishama, the son of Ammihud, prince of the sons of Ephraim.

49 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the

sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

50 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

51 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, as a burnt offering;

52 one he goat as *the sin*;

53 and for a sacrifice of peace, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur, prince of the sons of Manasseh.

55 His offering was one silver charger of the weight of one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

56 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

57 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, as a burnt offering;

58 one he goat as *the sin*;

59 and for a sacrifice of peace, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day Abidan, the son of Gideoni, prince of the sons of Benjamin.

61 His offering was one silver charger, the weight thereof was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

62 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

63 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, as a burnt offering;

64 one he goat as *the sin*;

65 and for a sacrifice of peace, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Abidan, the son of Gideoni.

66 On the tenth day Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the sons of Dan.

67 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight thereof *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

68 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

69 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

70 one he goat as *the* sin;

71 and for a sacrifice of peace, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel, the son of Ocran, prince of the sons of Asher.

73 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight thereof *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

74 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

75 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, as a burnt offering;

76 one he goat as *the* sin;

77 and for a sacrifice of peace, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Pagiel, the son of Ocran.

78 On the twelfth day Ahira, the son of Enan, prince of the sons of Naphtali.

79 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight thereof *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a present;

80 one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

81 one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, as a burnt offering;

82 one kid of the goats as *the* sin;

83 and for a sacrifice of peace, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Ahira, the son of Enan.

84 This *was* the dedication of the altar, the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold,

85 each charger of silver *weighing* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, each bowl seventy; all the silver of the vessels, two thousand four hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

86 The twelve golden spoons full of incense, ten *shekels* apiece, after the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the spoons *was* one hundred and twenty *shekels*.

87 All the oxen for the burnt offering *were* twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their present; and the he goats for sin twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace *were* twenty-four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This *was* the dedication of the altar, after it was anointed.

89 And when Moses entered into the tabernacle of the testimony to speak with Him, then he heard the voice of the one speaking unto him from above the seat of reconciliation that *was* over the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim; and he spoke with him.

Numbers 8

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Speak unto Aaron and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the face of the lampstand.
- 3 And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof over against the face of the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses.
- 4 And this work of the lampstand *was of* beaten gold, from the shaft thereof unto the flowers thereof; it *was* beaten work; according unto the pattern which the LORD had showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.
- 5 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 6 Take the Levites from among the sons of Israel, and cleanse them.
- 7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of *atonement for sin* upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and be clean.
- 8 Then let them take a young bullock with his present, *even* fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou offer as sin.
- 9 And thou shalt offer the Levites before the tabernacle of the testimony, and thou shalt gather the whole congregation of the sons of Israel together;
- 10 and thou shalt bring the Levites before the LORD, and the sons of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites;
- 11 and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD *for* a wave offering of the sons of Israel, and they shall serve in the ministry of the LORD.
- 12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks; and thou shalt offer the one as *the* sin, and the other as a burnt offering, unto the LORD, to reconcile the Levites.
- 13 And thou shalt cause the Levites to present themselves before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them *for* an offering unto the LORD.
- 14 And thou shalt separate the Levites from among the sons of Israel; and the Levites shall be mine.
- 15 Thus shall the Levites go in to minister in the tabernacle of the testimony; and thou shalt cleanse them and wave them *for* an offering.

16 For they *are* completely given unto me from among the sons of Israel, instead of each one that opens the womb; *instead of* the firstborn of all the sons of Israel, I have taken them for myself.

17 For all the firstborn of the sons of Israel *are* mine, *both* of man and of animals; from the day that *I* smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself.

18 And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the sons of Israel.

19 And I have given the Levites *as* a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the sons of Israel, that they may serve the ministry of the sons of Israel in the tabernacle of the testimony and reconcile the sons of Israel, that there be no plague in the sons of Israel when the sons of Israel come near unto the sanctuary.

20 And Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the sons of Israel did to the Levites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the sons of Israel unto them.

21 And the sin was removed from the Levites, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them *for* a wave offering before the LORD; and Aaron reconciled them to cleanse them.

22 And thus went the Levites in to serve in their ministry in the tabernacle of the testimony before Aaron and before his sons; in the manner that the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

23 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

24 This regarding the Levites from twenty-five years old and upward, they shall go in to serve in the host of the tabernacle of the testimony.

25 And from the age of fifty years they shall return from their ministry unto the host and shall never serve again,

26 but shall serve with their brethren in the tabernacle of the testimony, to stand guard, even though they do not serve in the ministry. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

Numbers 9

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Let the sons of Israel also keep the passover at its *appointed* season.

3 In the fourteenth day of this month, between the two evenings, ye shall keep it in its *appointed* season; according to all its ordinance and according to all the laws thereof, shall ye keep it.

4 And Moses spoke unto the sons of Israel that they should keep the passover.

5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month between the two evenings in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the sons of Israel.

6 And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day; and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day;

7 and those men said unto him, We *are* defiled by the dead body of a man; why are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in his *appointed* season among the sons of Israel?

8 And Moses said unto them, Wait, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.

9 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your generations should be unclean by reason of a dead body or *be* on a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the LORD.

11 The fourteenth day of the second month, between the two evenings they shall keep it, *and* eat it with unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*.

12 They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it; according to all the ordinance of the passover they shall keep it.

13 But the man that is clean and is not on a journey and forbears to keep the passover, that same soul shall be cut off from *among* his people; because he

did not bring the offering of the LORD in his *appointed* season; that man shall bear his sin.

14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you and will keep the passover unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover and according to the laws thereof, so shall he do; ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger and for the natural of the land.

15 ¶ And on the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle over the tent of the testimony; and in the evening there was upon the tabernacle, as it were, the appearance of fire until the morning.

16 So it was always: the cloud covered it, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the sons of Israel journeyed; and in the place where the cloud abode, there the sons of Israel pitched their tents.

18 At the commandment of the LORD the sons of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched camp; as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle, they rested.

19 And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the sons of Israel kept the charge of the LORD and did not journey.

20 And so it was, when the cloud was a *determined* number of days upon the tabernacle, according to the commandment of the LORD they camped, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed.

21 And so it was that when the cloud *remained* from evening unto the morning, and in the morning the cloud was taken up, then they journeyed; or *if it had remained during* the day and the cloud was taken up by night, they journeyed.

22 Or *if it* was two days or a month or a year that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the sons of Israel camped and did not journey; but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they camped, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed, keeping the charge of the LORD, as the LORD had said by the hand of Moses.

Numbers 10

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of beaten work shalt thou make them that thou may use them for the convocation of the congregation and for the moving of the camp.

3 And when they shall blow them, all the congregation shall join themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

4 But when they blow *only* one, then the princes, *who are* heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an alarm, then ye shall move the camp of those that are lodged towards the east.

6 And when ye blow an alarm the second time, then ye shall move the camp of those that are lodged on the side of the Negev; they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and you shall have them as a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

9 And when ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresses you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Also in the day of your gladness and in your solemn days and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace, that they may be to you for a memorial before your God; I AM your God.

11 ¶ And it came to pass on the twentieth *day* of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And the sons of Israel moved out of the wilderness of Sinai, and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And they moved the first time according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

14 In the first *place* went the standard of the camp of the sons of Judah according to their armies, and over his host *was* Nahshon, the son of Amminadab.

15 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Issachar *was* Nethaneel, the son of Zuar.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun *was* Eliab, the son of Helon.

17 And the tabernacle was already taken down, and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle.

18 Then the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies, and over his host *was* Elizur, the son of Shedeur.

19 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Simeon *was* Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Gad *was* Eliasaph, the son of Deuel.

21 Then the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary, and while they were coming, *the others* set up the tabernacle.

22 After them the standard of the camp of the sons of Ephraim set forward according to their armies, and over his host *was* Elishama, the son of Ammihud.

23 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh *was* Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur.

24 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin *was* Abidan, the son of Gideoni.

25 Then the standard of the camp of the sons of Dan set forward according to their armies, gathering together all the camps, and over his host *was* Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Asher *was* Pagiel, the son of Ocran.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali *was* Ahira, the son of Enan.

28 Thus *were* the journeyings of the sons of Israel according to their armies when they set forward.

29 ¶ Then Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it to you. Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the LORD has spoken good concerning Israel.

30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to my own land and to my kindred.

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; for thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou shalt be to us instead of eyes.

32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, that when we come into the goodness that the LORD shall do unto us, that we will do thee good.

33 Thus they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them *in the* three days' journey, searching out a resting place for them.

34 And the cloud of the LORD *was* upon them by day, from when they went out of the camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark was moved, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered, and let those that hate thee flee before thee.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the ten thousands of Israel.

Numbers 11

1 ¶ And it came to pass that the people complained in an evil manner in the ears of the LORD, and the LORD heard *it*; and his anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burnt among them and consumed in the uttermost parts of the camp.

2 Then the people cried unto Moses, and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.

3 And he called the name of the place Taberah because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

4 ¶ And the vulgar who were mixed in among them returned to their lust; and even the sons of Israel wept and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

5 We remember the fish, which we freely ate in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic,

6 but now our soul is dried away; *there is* nothing at all besides this manna *before* our eyes.

7 And the manna *was* as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

8 *And* the people scattered about and gathered *it* and ground *it* in mills or beat *it* in a mortar and baked *it* in pans and made cakes of it, and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, each man in the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Why hast thou afflicted thy slave and why have I not found grace in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all these people upon me?

12 Have I conceived all these people? Have I begotten them, that thou should say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, unto the land which thou hast sworn unto their fathers?

13 Where should I find flesh to give unto all these people? For they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear all these people alone because *it* is too heavy for me.

15 And if thou *must* deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found grace in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

16 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be elders of the people, and their princes; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the testimony that they may stand there with thee.

17 And I will come down and talk with thee there, and I will take of the spirit which *is* in thee and will put *it* upon them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone.

18 But thou shalt say unto the people, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, and ye shall eat flesh, for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for *it was* better with us in Egypt. Therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

19 Ye shall not eat one day nor two days nor five days neither ten days nor twenty days,

20 *But* even a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and it becomes loathsome unto you, because ye have despised the LORD who *is* among you and have wept before him, saying, Why have we come forth out of Egypt?

21 Then Moses said, The people, among whom I *am*, are six hundred thousand footmen, and thou hast said, I will give them flesh that they may eat a whole month!

22 Shall sheep and oxen be slain for them, to suffice them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD's hand waxed short? Thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

24 ¶ And Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and set them round about the tabernacle.

25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke unto him and took of the spirit that *was* in him and gave *it* unto the seventy elders, and it came to pass *that* when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied and did not cease.

26 But there remained two *of the* men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad and the name of the other Medad, upon whom the spirit also rested; and they *were* of those that were written, but they had not gone unto the tabernacle; and they began to prophesy in the camp.

27 And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad prophesy in the camp.

28 Then Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses, *one* of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29 And Moses said unto him, Art thou jealous for my sake? It would *be good* that all the LORD's people were prophets *and* that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

30 And Moses withdrew into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

31 ¶ And there went forth a wind from the LORD and brought quail from the sea and left them upon the camp, a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp and almost two cubits *high* upon the face of the earth.

32 Then the people stood up all that day and all *that* night and all the next day, and they gathered the quail; he that gathered least gathered ten heaps, and they spread *them* all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

33 And while the flesh *was* yet between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

34 And he called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah because there they buried the people that lusted.

35 From Kibrothhattaavah he moved the people unto Hazeroth, and they abode at Hazeroth.

Numbers 12

1 ¶ And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had taken; for he had taken an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Has the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? Has he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard *it*.

3 (Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)

4 ¶ And the LORD spoke suddenly unto Moses and unto Aaron and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the testimony. And they three came out.

5 Then the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud and stood *in* the door of the tabernacle and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came forth.

6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision *and* will speak unto him in dreams.

7 My slave Moses is not so, who *is* faithful in all my house.

8 With him I will speak mouth to mouth and by sight not by enigmas; he shall see the similitude of the LORD. Why then were ye not afraid to speak against my slave Moses?

9 Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against them, and he departed.

10 ¶ And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle, and, behold, Miriam *was* leprous as the snow; and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she *was* leprous.

11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, in which we have done foolishly, and we have sinned.

12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb.

13 Then Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? Let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in *again*.

15 So Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days, and the people did not journey until Miriam was brought in *again*.

16 And afterward he moved the people from Hazeroth, and they pitched camp in the wilderness of Paran.

Numbers 13

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
2 Send thou men that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I give unto the sons of Israel; of every tribe of their fathers ye shall send a man, each one a prince among them.
3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran; all those men *were* princes of the sons of Israel.
4 And these *were* their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua, the son of Zaccur.
5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat, the son of Hori.
6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb, the son of Jephunneh.
7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal, the son of Joseph.
8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hosea, the son of Nun.
9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti, the son of Raphu.
10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel, the son of Sodi.
11 Of the tribe of Joseph, *namely*, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi, the son of Susi.
12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel, the son of Gemalli.
13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur, the son of Michael.
14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi, the son of Vophsi.
15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel, the son of Machi.
16 These *are* the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hosea, the son of Nun, Joshua.
17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan and said unto them, Go up this *way* towards the Negev and go up into the mountain
18 and see the land, what it *is*, and the people that dwell therein, whether they *are* strong or weak, few or many,
19 and how the land *is* that they dwell in, whether it *is* good or bad, and what cities *there are* that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds,
20 And what the land *is*, whether it *is* fertile or sterile, whether there are trees therein, or not. And be ye of good courage and bring of the fruit of the

land. Now the time *was* the time of the firstripe grapes.

21 ¶ So they went up and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

22 And they ascended by the Negev and came unto Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the sons of Anak, *were*. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

23 And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and from there they cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bore it between two upon a staff; and *they brought* of the pomegranates and of the figs.

24 The place was called the brook Eshcol because of the cluster of grapes which the sons of Israel cut down from there.

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

26 ¶ And they went and came to Moses and to Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran to Kadesh and brought back word unto them and unto all the congregation and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him and said, We came unto the land where thou didst send us, and surely it flows with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the people *are* strong that dwell in that land, and the cities *are* very great and strong; and moreover we saw the sons of Anak there.

29 Amalek dwells in the land of the Negev, and the Hittite and the Jebusite and the Amorite dwell in the mountains, and the Canaanite dwells by the sea and by the side of the Jordan.

30 Then Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We are not able to go up against that people, for they *are* stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had spied out unto the sons of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone through to spy it out, *is* a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw giants, the sons of Anak, *of the race* of the giants; and we were in our own sight as locusts, and so we were in their sight.

Numbers 14

1 ¶ Then all the congregation lifted up their voice and cried, and the people wept that night.

2 And all the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, and the whole congregation said unto them, Oh, that we might die in the land of Egypt or that we might die in this wilderness!

3 And why has the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? Would it not *be* better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

5 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel.

6 And Joshua, the son of Nun, and Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, *who were* of those that had spied out the land, rent their clothes;

7 and they spoke unto all the company of the sons of Israel, saying, The land which we passed through to spy out is an exceeding good land.

8 If the LORD delights in us, then he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land which flows with milk and honey.

9 Therefore, do not be rebels against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land, for they are our bread; their defence is departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us; do not fear them.

10 Then all the multitude spoke of stoning them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the testimony before all the sons of Israel.

11 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? How long will it be before they believe me, with all the signs which I have done among them?

12 I will smite them with the pestilence and disinherit them and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear *it*, for thou didst bring this people out of the midst of them with thy might;

14 and the inhabitants of this land will say, *for* they have already heard that thou, oh LORD, *wast* among this people, that thou, O LORD, art seen face to face, and *that* thy cloud was over them, and *that* thou didst go before them by day time in a pillar of a cloud and in a pillar of fire by night;

15 and that thou hast caused *all* this people to die as one man; and the Gentiles who have heard *of* thy fame will speak, saying,

16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them; therefore, he has slain them in the wilderness.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18 The LORD *is* longsuffering and of great mercy, letting go of iniquity and transgression and absolving, but by no means absolving *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons unto the third and fourth *generations*.

19 Pardon now the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of thy mercy and as thou hast forgiven this people from Egypt even until now.

20 ¶ Then the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word.

21 But *as truly as* I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

22 Because all those men who saw my glory and my signs which I have done in Egypt and in the wilderness and have tempted me now these ten times and have not hearkened to my voice,

23 *surely* they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of those that provoked me see it.

24 But my slave Caleb, because there was another spirit in him, and he proved to follow after me, *I* will bring him into the land that he entered into, and his seed shall receive it by inheritance,

25 and even the Amalekite and the Canaanite who dwell in the valley. Turn around tomorrow and go into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

26 And the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

27 How long shall I hear this evil congregation, which murmurs against me, the complaints of the sons of Israel, which they murmur against me?

28 Say unto them, *As truly as* I live, saith the LORD, according as ye have spoken in my ears, so will I do to you.

29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness, all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against me;

30 *doubtless* ye shall not come into the land, *concerning* which I swore to make you dwell therein, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, whom ye said should be a prey, I will bring them in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

32 But *as for* you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your children shall be shepherded in the wilderness forty years and bear your fornications until your carcasses are wasted in the wilderness.

34 After the number of the days in which ye spied out the land, *even* forty days, each day for a year, ye shall bear your iniquities forty years, and ye shall know my reason *for annulling my promise*.

35 I, the LORD, have spoken, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation that are gathered together against me; in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 ¶ And the men, whom Moses had sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation to murmur against him by bringing up a slander upon the land,

37 even those men that brought an evil report of the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

38 But Joshua, the son of Nun, and Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, remained alive of the men that went to spy out the land.

39 And Moses told these things unto all the sons of Israel, and the people mourned greatly.

40 And they rose up early in the morning and climbed up into the top of the mountain, saying, Here we are *prepared* to go up unto the place of which the LORD has spoken; for we have sinned.

41 And Moses said, Why do ye break the commandment of the LORD? This also shall not prosper.

42 Do not go up, for the LORD *is* not among you; do not be smitten before your enemies.

43 For the Amalekite and the Canaanite *are* there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword; because ye are turned away from following the LORD, therefore, the LORD will not be with you.

44 But they presumed to go up unto the hill top; nevertheless, the ark of the covenant of the LORD and Moses, did not depart out of the camp.

45 Then the Amalekite came down and the Canaanite who dwelt in that hill and smote them and defeated them, *pursuing them* unto Hormah.

Numbers 15

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, When you have entered into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you
- 3 and will make an offering on fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to offer a vow or of your free will or to make in your solemn feasts an acceptable savour unto the LORD, of the cows, or of the sheep,
- 4 then he that offers his offering unto the LORD shall bring a present of a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth *part* of a hin of oil;
- 5 and of wine for a drink offering shalt thou offer the fourth *part* of a hin in addition to the burnt offering or the sacrifice, for each lamb.
- 6 And for each ram, thou shalt prepare *as* a present two tenth deals of flour mingled with the third *part* of a hin of oil;
- 7 and of wine for a drink offering thou shalt offer the third *part* of a hin, *for* an acceptable savour unto the LORD.
- 8 And when thou preparest a bullock *for* a burnt offering or for a sacrifice, to offer a vow or a *sacrifice* of peace unto the LORD,
- 9 thou shalt offer with the bullock a present of three tenth deals of flour mingled with half *of* a hin of oil;
- 10 and of wine for a drink offering thou shalt offer half of a hin, *for* an offering on fire, of an acceptable savour unto the LORD.
- 11 Thus shall it be done for each bullock or for each ram or for each lamb, the same for sheep as for goats.
- 12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to each one according to their number.
- 13 All that are natural born shall do these things after this manner, to offer an offering on fire, of an acceptable savour unto the LORD.
- 14 And when a stranger sojourns with you or whoever *is* among you, for your ages, if they will offer an offering on fire of an acceptable savour unto the LORD; as ye do, so he shall do.
- 15 One statute *shall be both* for you of the congregation and also for the stranger that sojourns *with you*, a perpetual statute, for your ages; as ye *are*,

so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

16 One same law and the same right shall be for you and for the stranger that sojourns with you.

17 The LORD also spoke unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, When ye have come into the land where I bring you,

19 then it shall be that when ye begin to eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an offering unto the LORD.

20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough *for* an offering; as the offering of the threshingfloor, so shall ye offer it.

21 Of the firstfruits of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD an offering in your generations.

22 ¶ And when ye err and do not observe all these commandments which the LORD has spoken unto Moses,

23 *even* all that the LORD has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded *Moses* and from then on, for your ages,

24 then it shall be, if *the sin* was committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock as a burnt offering, for an acceptable savour unto the LORD with its present and its drink offering, according to the law, and one he goat as *the sin*.

25 And the priest shall reconcile all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it *is* ignorance; and they shall bring their offering, an offering on fire unto the LORD and their sins before the LORD *which they committed* in their ignorance.

26 And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the sons of Israel and the stranger that sojourns among them, seeing all the people *were* in ignorance.

27 And if any person sins through ignorance, then he shall bring a she goat of the first year as *the sin*.

28 And the priest shall reconcile the soul that errs ignorantly, when he sins by ignorance before the LORD, he shall be reconciled; and it shall be forgiven him.

29 Ye shall have the same law for the one that sins through ignorance, *both for* the natural born among the sons of Israel and for the stranger that

sojourns among them.

30 ¶ But the person that does something consciously, *whether they are* natural born or a stranger, the same reproaches the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

31 Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has made void his commandment, that person shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity *shall be* upon him.

32 And while the sons of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered firewood upon the sabbath day.

33 And those that found him gathering firewood brought him unto Moses and Aaron and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him in ward because it was not declared what should be done to him.

35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp.

36 Then all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died, as the LORD commanded Moses.

37 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

38 Speak unto the sons of Israel and bid them that they make for themselves fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue.

39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe that ye may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the LORD and do them and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, *seeking* after which ye fornicate.

40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. I AM your God.

Numbers 16

1 ¶ Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, of the sons of Reuben, took *men*;

2 and they rose up against Moses, with two hundred and fifty men of the sons of Israel, princes of the congregation, of the council, men of renown;

3 and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said unto them, *We have had* enough of you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD *is* among them; why then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

4 And when Moses heard *it*, he fell upon his face;

5 and he spoke unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Tomorrow the LORD will show *who are* his and *who is* holy and will cause the one who is holy to come near unto him; the one whom he has chosen he will cause to come near unto him.

6 Do this: Take censers, Korah, and all his company,

7 and put fire in them and put incense in them before the LORD tomorrow; and it shall be *that* the man whom the LORD chooses, he *shall* be holy; this shall be enough for you, ye sons of Levi.

8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:

9 *Does it seem but* a small thing unto you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself *to* minister in the service of the tabernacle of the LORD and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?

10 And that he has brought thee near to *him* and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee, and ye seek the priesthood also?

11 For which cause *both* thou and all thy company *are* gathered together against the LORD, for what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

12 ¶ And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, but they replied, We will not come up.

13 *Is it* a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that flowed with milk and honey to make us die in the wilderness, but thou must also

make thyself lord to rule over us?

14 Moreover, thou hast not brought us into a land that flows with milk and honey or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards; wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up.

15 Then Moses was very angry and said unto the LORD, Look not thou upon their offering; I have not taken so much as one ass from them, neither have I done evil to any of them.

16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou and they and Aaron, tomorrow;

17 and let each man take his censer and put incense in them and let each man bring his censer before the LORD, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also and Aaron, each *of you* with his censer.

18 And each man took his censer and put fire in them and laid incense in them and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the testimony with Moses and Aaron.

19 And Korah had gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony; then the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

20 And the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

21 Separate yourselves from among this congregation, and I will consume them in a moment.

22 And they fell upon their faces and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

23 ¶ Then the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Separate yourselves now from the tent of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spoke unto the congregation, saying, Depart from the tents of these wicked men and touch nothing of theirs lest peradventure ye be consumed in all their sins.

27 So they removed themselves from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side; and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the

door of their tents, with their wives and their sons and their little children.

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, for *I have not done them out* of my own heart.

29 If these men die the common death of all men or if they are visited after the visitation of all men, *then* the LORD has not sent me.

30 But if the LORD does a new thing and the earth opens her mouth and swallows them up with all their things and they go down alive into Sheol, then ye shall know that these men have provoked the LORD.

31 And it came to pass as he had made an end of speaking all these words that the ground broke open under them;

32 the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and their houses and all the men of Korah and all *their* goods.

33 They and all that they had went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the congregation.

34 And all Israel, those that *were* round about them, fled at the cry of them, for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up *also*.

35 ¶ And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

36 Then the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning and scatter thou the fire yonder, for

38 the censers of these sinners are sanctified against their own souls, and broad plates shall be made of them *for* a covering of the altar, for they offered with them before the LORD; therefore, they are sanctified, and they shall be a sign unto the sons of Israel.

39 And Eleazar, the priest, took the brass censers with which those that were burnt had offered, and they were made into a broad covering of the altar

40 *to be* a memorial unto the sons of Israel, that no stranger who *is* not of the seed of Aaron come near to offer incense before the LORD, that he not be as Korah and as his company, as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

41 ¶ But on the next day all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

42 And it came to pass when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron that they looked toward the tabernacle of the testimony; and, behold, the cloud had covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the testimony.

44 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

45 Depart from among this congregation, and I will consume them in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take the censer and put fire in it from off the altar and put incense upon it and go quickly unto the congregation and reconcile them; for the wrath has gone out from before the face of the LORD; the plague is begun.

47 Then Aaron took *his censer* as Moses said and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people; and he put on incense and reconciled the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

49 Now those that died in that plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those that died concerning the matter of Korah.

50 And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony, *when* the plague was stayed.

Numbers 17

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Speak unto the sons of Israel and take of each of them a rod according to the houses of *their* fathers, of all their princes, twelve rods according to the houses of their fathers, and write thou each man's name upon his rod.
- 3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi, for each head of family of their fathers shall have one rod.
- 4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the testimony, before the testimony, where I will testify of *myself* unto you.
- 5 And it shall come to pass *regarding* the man whom I shall choose that his rod shall blossom; and I will resolve the complaints of the sons of Israel, with which they murmur against you.
- 6 And Moses spoke unto the sons of Israel, and all their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, *even* twelve rods; and the rod of Aaron *was* among their rods.
- 7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of the testimony.
- 8 ¶ And it came to pass that on the next day Moses went into the tabernacle of the testimony; and, behold, the rod of Aaron of the house of Levi had budded and blossomed and brought forth open flowers and yielded almonds.
- 9 Then Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the sons of Israel; and they looked, and each one took his rod.
- 10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Return Aaron's rod before the testimony to be kept for a sign unto the rebellious sons; and thou shalt cause their complaints to cease from upon me, that they not die.
- 11 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him, so did he.
- 12 Then the sons of Israel spoke unto Moses, saying, Behold, we are dead, we are lost, we are all lost.
- 13 Anyone who comes near unto the tabernacle of the LORD shall die; shall we all perish?

Numbers 18

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee and serve thee; but thou and thy sons with thee *shall serve* before the tabernacle of the testimony.

3 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle; only they shall not come near the holy vessels or the altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die.

4 And they shall join themselves unto thee and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the testimony in all the service of the tabernacle; and no stranger shall come near unto you.

5 And ye shall have the charge of the sanctuary and the charge of the altar, that there be no more wrath upon the sons of Israel.

6 For behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the sons of Israel, given unto you *as a gift* of the LORD, to serve in the ministry of the tabernacle of the testimony.

7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priesthood for every thing of the altar and within the veil, and ye shall minister; for I have given the service of your priesthood as a gift, and the stranger that comes near shall die.

8 ¶ The LORD spoke further unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of my offerings; all the dedicated things of the sons of Israel I have given unto thee by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by a perpetual statute.

9 This shall be thine of the holy things, *reserved* from the fire: every offering of theirs, every present of theirs, and every *offering that represents* their sin, and every *offering that represents* their guilt, which they shall render unto me, *shall be* most holy for thee and for thy sons.

10 In the sanctuary shalt thou eat it; every male shall eat it; it shall be holy unto thee.

11 This also *shall be* thine: the *heave* offering of their gifts. All the *wave* offerings of the sons of Israel, I have given them unto thee and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever; everyone that is clean in thy house shall eat of it.

12 All the best of the oil and all the best of the wine and of the wheat, the firstfruits of this, which they shall present unto the LORD, this have I given thee.

13 The firstfruits of theirs of all the things of the land, which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; everyone that is clean in thy house shall eat *of* it.

14 Every anathema in Israel shall be thine.

15 Every thing that opens the womb in all flesh, which they shall offer unto the LORD, *whether it is* of men or animals, shall be thine; nevertheless the firstborn of man shalt thou surely ransom, and the firstborn of unclean animals shalt thou ransom.

16 And from a month old shalt thou effect their ransom, a ransom according to thine estimation, for the price of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which *is* twenty gerahs.

17 But the firstborn of a cow, or the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat, thou shalt not ransom; they *are* sanctified; thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar and shalt burn their fat *for* an offering on fire, for an acceptable savour unto the LORD.

18 And the flesh shall be thine, as the wave breast and as the right shoulder shall be thine.

19 All the *heave* offerings of the holy things, which the sons of Israel offer unto the LORD, I have given for thee and for thy sons and for thy daughters with thee, by a perpetual statute; it is a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD for thee and for thy seed with thee.

20 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them. I *am* thy part and thine inheritance among the sons of Israel.

21 And, behold, I have given the sons of Levi all the tithes in Israel for an inheritance, for their ministry because they serve *in* the ministry of the tabernacle of the testimony.

22 Neither must the sons of Israel from now on come near the tabernacle of the testimony lest they bear sin and die because of it.

23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the testimony, and they shall bear their iniquity by a perpetual statute throughout your ages, and they shall not possess an inheritance among the sons of Israel.

24 For unto the Levites I have given the tithes of the sons of Israel as inheritance, which they shall offer unto the LORD as offerings; therefore, I have said unto them, Among the sons of Israel they shall possess no inheritance.

25 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

26 Thus shalt thou speak unto the Levites and say unto them, When ye take the tithes from the sons of Israel which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall present a tithe of the tithes as an offering unto the LORD.

27 And ye shall count your offering as though *it were* the grain of the threshingfloor and as the fullness of the winepress.

28 Thus ye also shall offer an offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye shall have received of the sons of Israel; and ye shall give of them an offering unto the LORD, to Aaron the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every offering unto the LORD, of all the best thereof ye shall offer the portion that is to be dedicated.

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye offer the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the fruit of the threshingfloor and as the fruit of the winepress.

31 And ye shall eat it in any place, ye and your family; for it *is* your reward for your ministry in the tabernacle of the testimony.

32 And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have offered from it the best of it; and ye shall not pollute the holy things of the sons of Israel, and ye shall not die.

Numbers 19

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying, Speak unto the sons of Israel that they bring thee a red heifer, perfect, in which there *is* no blemish, *and* upon which there has never been placed a yoke;

3 and ye shall give her unto Eleazar, the priest, that he may bring her forth outside the camp, and he shall cause her to be slain in his presence.

4 And Eleazar, the priest, shall take of her blood with his finger and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the testimony seven times;

5 and he shall cause the heifer to be burnt in his sight; her skin and her flesh and her blood with her dung shall he cause to burn.

6 Then the priest shall take cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet and cast *it* into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the evening.

8 Likewise he that burns her shall wash his clothes in water and bathe his flesh in water and shall be unclean until the evening.

9 And a man *that is* clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and lay *them* up outside the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the sons of Israel for the water of separation; it is sin.

10 And he that gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening; and it shall be unto the sons of Israel and unto the stranger that sojourns among them for a perpetual statute.

11 ¶ He that touches the dead body of any human person shall be unclean seven days.

12 They shall remove the sin from themselves with that *water* on the third day, and on the seventh day they shall be clean; but if they do not remove the sin from themselves the third day, then the seventh day they shall not be clean.

13 Whoever touches the dead body of anyone that is dead and does not remove the sin has defiled the tabernacle of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from Israel; because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean, and his uncleanness shall be upon him.

14 This *is* the law when anyone dies in a tent; all that come into the tent and all that *are* in the tent shall be unclean seven days.

15 And every open vessel which has no lid fastened upon it *shall be* unclean.

16 And whoever touches one that is slain with a sword in the open fields or a dead body or a human bone or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And for the unclean *person* they shall take of the dust of the heifer *that was* burnt as sin and put living water over it in a vessel;

18 and a clean person shall take hyssop and dip *it* in the water and sprinkle *it* upon the tent and upon all the stuff and upon the persons that were there and upon the one that touched the bone or the one slain or the one dead or the grave.

19 And the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and when he has removed the sin from them the seventh day, he shall then wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and shall be clean in the evening.

20 But the man that shall be unclean and shall not cause the sin to be removed from himself, that person shall be cut off from among the congregation because he has defiled the tabernacle of the LORD; the water of separation has not been sprinkled upon him; he *is* unclean.

21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, *also* he that sprinkles the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that touches the water of separation shall be unclean until evening.

22 And whatever the unclean *person* touches shall be unclean; and the person that touches *it* shall be unclean until evening.

Numbers 20

1 ¶ Then came the sons of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month; and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation; and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

3 And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying, Oh, that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!

4 And why have ye caused the congregation of the LORD to come into this wilderness that we and our beasts should die here?

5 And why have ye made us to come up out of Egypt to bring us in unto this evil place? It is not a place to *plant* seed or of figs or of vines or of pomegranates; there is not even any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the congregation unto the door of the tabernacle of the testimony, and they fell upon their faces; and the glory of the LORD appeared upon them.

7 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the rod and gather the congregation together, thou and Aaron, thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes, and it shall give forth its water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock; so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 Then Moses took the rod from before the LORD as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

11 Then Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice; and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

12 And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the sons of Israel, therefore, ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 These *are* the waters of Meribah; over which the sons of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

14 ¶ And Moses sent ambassadors from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail that has befallen us:

15 how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we were in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians mistreated us and our fathers;

16 and we cried unto the LORD, who heard our voice, and sent an angel and has brought us forth out of Egypt; and, behold, we *are* in Kadesh, a city on the edge of thy border.

17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country; we will not pass through the fields or through the vineyards, neither will we drink *of* the water of the wells; we will go by the king's *high* way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left until we have passed thy borders.

18 And Edom replied unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me lest I come out against thee with the sword.

19 And the sons of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high way; and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it; I will only, without *doing* anything *else*, go through on my feet.

20 And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with many people and with a strong hand.

21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border; and thus Israel turned away from him.

22 ¶ And the sons of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto Mount Hor.

23 And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, on the borders of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his peoples; for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the sons of Israel because ye were rebels to my word at the water of Meribah.

25 Take Aaron and Eleazar, his son, and bring them up unto Mount Hor

26 and cause Aaron to be stripped of his garments and put them upon Eleazar, his son; for Aaron shall be gathered *unto his people* and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and they went up into Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And Moses caused Aaron to be stripped of his garments and put them upon Eleazar, his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount; and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, *even* all the families of Israel.

Numbers 21

1 ¶ And *when* King Arad, the Canaanite, who dwelt toward the Negev, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the sentinels; then he fought against Israel and took *some* of them prisoners.

2 Then Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanite; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities, and he called the name of the place Hormah. {Heb. destruction}

4 ¶ And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

5 And the people spoke against God and *against* Moses, Why have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? *There is* no bread, neither *is there any* water; and our soul loathes this light bread.

6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many people of Israel died.

7 Then the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against thee; pray unto the LORD that he take away these serpents from *among* us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent and lift it up as a banner, and it shall be that anyone that is bitten and looks upon it shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass and put it up as a banner, and it came to pass that when a serpent bit anyone, he beheld the serpent of brass, and lived.

10 ¶ And the sons of Israel set forward and pitched camp in Obboth.

11 And they journeyed from Obboth and pitched at Ijeabarim, in the wilderness which *is* before Moab, toward the rising of the sun.

12 From there they removed and pitched in the valley of Zared.

13 From thence they removed and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which *is* in the wilderness that comes out of the borders of the Amorite; for Arnon

is the border of Moab between Moab and the Amorite.

14 Therefore it is said in the book of the battles of the LORD, What he did in the Red Sea, and in the brooks of Arnon

15 and at the stream of the brooks that goes down to the dwelling of Ar, and lies upon the border of Moab.

16 And from there *they went* to Beer; this *is* the well of which the LORD spoke unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

17 Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it.

18 The princes dug the well, the willing people dug it, and the lawgiver, with their staves. And from the wilderness *they went* to Mattanah.

19 And from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth.

20 And from Bamoth *in* the valley, that *is* in the fields of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looks toward Jeshimon.

21 ¶ And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

22 Let me pass through thy land; we will not turn into the fields or into the vineyards; we will not drink *of* the waters of the wells; *but* we will go along by the king's *high* way until we are past thy borders.

23 But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his border; instead Sihon gathered all his people together and went out against Israel into the wilderness; and he came to Jahaz and fought against Israel.

24 And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the sons of Ammon, for the border of the sons of Ammon *was* strong.

25 And Israel took all these cities; and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites in Heshbon and in all the villages thereof.

26 For Heshbon *was* the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and taken out of his hand all his land unto Arnon.

27 Therefore those that speak in proverbs say, Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared;

28 for there is a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon; it has consumed Ar of Moab *and* the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29 Woe to thee, Moab! thou art undone, O people of Chemosh; he has put thy sons to flight and thy daughters into captivity because of Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 And Heshbon destroyed their kingdom even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah and Medeba.

31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorite.

32 And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof and drove out the Amorite that *was* there.

33 And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan; and Og, the king of Bashan, went out against them, he and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.

34 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not, for I have delivered him into thy hand and all his people and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.

35 So they smote him and his sons and all his people until there was none left him alive; and they possessed his land.

Numbers 22

1 ¶ And the sons of Israel set forward and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan *in front of* Jericho.

2 And Balak, the son of Zippor, saw all that Israel had done to the Amorite.

3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people because they *were* many; and Moab was distressed because of the sons of Israel.

4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all *that are* round about us, as the ox licks up the herbs of the field. And Balak, the son of Zippor, *was* king of the Moabites at that time.

5 Therefore he sent messengers unto Balaam, the son of Beor, to Pethor, which *is* by the river *Euphrates* in the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me.

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people, for they *are* too mighty for me; peradventure I shall be able to smite them and drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom thou blessest shall be blessed, and he whom thou cursest shall be cursed.

7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the incantations in their hand; and they came unto Balaam and spoke unto him the words of Balak.

8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will recite the words unto you when the LORD shall speak unto me. So the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

9 And God came unto Balaam and said, Who *are* these men with thee?

10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent unto me, *saying*,

11 Behold, this people that has come out of Egypt, covers the face of the earth; come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them and drive them out.

12 Then God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; neither shalt thou curse the people; for they *are* blessed.

13 So Balaam rose up in the morning and said unto the princes of Balak, Go back to your land; for the LORD refuses to give me leave to go with you.

14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak and said, Balaam refused to come with us.

15 ¶ And Balak sent yet again princes, more and more honourable than those.

16 And they came to Balaam and said to him, Thus saith Balak, the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me;

17 for I will without a doubt honour thee greatly, and I will do whatever thou sayest unto me; come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

18 And Balaam answered and said unto the slaves of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do anything small or great.

19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night that I may know what the LORD will say unto me again.

20 And God came unto Balaam at night and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, *and* go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

21 So Balaam rose up in the morning and saddled his *female* ass and went with the princes of Moab.

22 ¶ And God's anger was kindled because he went, and the angel of the LORD stood in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants *were* with him.

23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way with his sword drawn in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way and went into the field. Then Balaam smote the ass to turn her into the way.

24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this side and a wall on that side.

25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; and he smote her again.

26 And the angel of the LORD went further and stood in a narrow place, where *was* no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 Then the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now would I kill thee.

30 And the ass said unto Balaam, *Am* I not thine ass upon which thou hast ridden ever since *I was* thine unto this day? Was I ever accustomed to do so unto thee? And he said, No.

31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way and his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed down his head and fell flat on his face.

32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? Behold, I went out as thine adversary, because *thy* way is perverse before me.

33 The ass saw me and turned from me these three times; and if she had not turned from me, I also now would slay thee and leave her alive.

34 Then Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I did not know that thou didst stand in the way against me; now therefore, if it displease thee, I will return.

35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 ¶ And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which *is* next to the border of Arnon, which *is* at the limit of his territory.

37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? Why hast thou not come unto me? Am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?

38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Behold, I am come unto thee; may I now say something? The word that God puts in my mouth, that shall I speak.

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjathhuzoth.

40 And Balak killed oxen and sheep and sent to Balaam and to the princes that *were* with him.

41 And on the next day, Balak took Balaam and brought him up into the high places of Baal, and from there he saw the utmost *part* of the people.

Numbers 23

1 ¶ And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go; peradventure the LORD will come to meet me, and whatever he shows me I will tell thee. And thus he went alone.

4 And God met Balaam; and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon *each* altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

6 And he returned unto him, and, behold, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he and all the princes of Moab.

7 And he took up his parable and said, Balak, the king of Moab, has brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, *saying*, Come, curse me Jacob and come, denounce Israel.

8 Why should I curse one whom God has not cursed? And why should I denounce one whom the LORD has not denounced?

9 For from the top of the rocks I have seen him, and from the hills I beheld him; behold, a people that shall dwell in confidence and shall not be counted among the Gentiles.

10 Who shall count the dust of Jacob and the number of the fourth *part* of Israel? Let my soul die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

11 Then Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse my enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed *them* altogether.

12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD has put in my mouth?

13 ¶ And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from which thou may see them; thou hast seen but the utmost part of

them and hast not seen them all; and from there thou shalt curse them for me.

14 And he brought him into the field of Zophim to the top of Pisgah and built seven altars and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

15 Then he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet *the* LORD yonder.

16 And the LORD met Balaam and put a word in his mouth and said unto him, Go again unto Balak and say thus.

17 And he came unto him, and behold, he stood by his burnt offering and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What has the LORD spoken?

18 Then he took up his parable and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent; he said and shall he not do *it*? He spoke and shall he not execute it?

20 Behold, I have received blessing; and he has blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

21 He has not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither has he seen rebellion in Israel; the LORD his God *is* with him, and the battle-cry of a king *is* in him.

22 God brought them out of Egypt; he has, as it were the strength of a unicorn.

23 Because there is no enchantment in Jacob, neither *is there* any divination in Israel. According to this time, it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What God has made!

24 Behold the people, who shall rise up as a great lion and lift up himself as a young lion; he shall not lie down until he eats *of* the prey and drinks the blood of the slain.

25 Then Balak said unto Balaam, Now that you do not curse them, do not bless them either.

26 Then Balaam said unto Balak, Did I not tell thee that all that the LORD says unto me, that I must do?

27 And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou may curse them for

me from there.

28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looks toward Jeshimon.

29 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams.

30 And Balak did as Balaam had said and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

Numbers 24

1 ¶ And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go, as the first and second times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness;

2 and lifting up his eyes, he saw Israel abiding *in his tents* according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him.

3 Then he took up his parable and said, Balaam, the son of Beor, has said and the man whose eyes are open has said,

4 he who has heard the words of God has said, who saw the vision of the Almighty, fallen, but having his eyes open:

5 How beautiful are thy tents, O Jacob, *and* thy habitations, O Israel!

6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD has planted, *and* as cedars beside the waters.

7 From his branches he shall distil waters, and his seed *shall be* in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he has, as it were, the strength of a unicorn; he shall eat up the Gentiles his enemies and shall break their bones and pierce *them* through with his arrows.

9 He couched, he lay down as a lion and as a great lion; who shall awaken him? Blessed *is* he that blesses thee, and cursed *is* he that curses thee.

10 ¶ Then Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and smiting his hands together he said, I called thee to curse my enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed *them* these three times.

11 Therefore, now flee thou to thy place; I said that I would honour thee; but, behold, the LORD has deprived thee of honour.

12 And Balaam replied unto Balak, Did I not declare also unto thy messengers which thou didst send unto me, saying,

13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad of my own heart; *but* what the LORD saith that will I speak?

14 Therefore, behold, I go now unto my people; come and I will indicate unto thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

15 ¶ And he took up his parable and said, Balaam, the son of Beor, has said, the man whose eyes are open has said,

16 he who has heard the words of God has said, and he who knows the knowledge of the most High, he who saw the vision of the Almighty, fallen, but having his eyes open:

17 I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near by; there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel and shall smite the corners of Moab and destroy all the sons of Seth.

18 And Edom shall be taken; Seir also shall be taken by his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion and shall destroy what remains of the city.

20 And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek, head of the Gentiles; but his latter end *shall be* that he perish for ever.

21 And he looked on the Kenite and took up his parable and said, Strong is thy dwelling place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock;

22 because the Kenite shall be thrown out, when Asshur shall carry thee away captive.

23 And he took up his parable again and said, Alas, who shall live when God shall do these things!

24 And ships *shall come* from the coast of Chittim and shall afflict Asshur and shall afflict Eber, but he also shall perish for ever.

25 Then Balaam rose up and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.

Numbers 25

1 ¶ And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to fornicate with the daughters of Moab,

2 who called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods; and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.

3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor; and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the princes of the people and disjoin them before the LORD *hanging them from a tree* against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

5 Then Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor.

6 ¶ Then, behold, one of the sons of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, who *were weeping before* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand;

8 and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman through her belly. So the plague of the sons of Israel was stayed.

9 And those that died in that plague were twenty-four thousand.

10 Then the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned my wrath away from the sons of Israel, being zealous for my sake among them, therefore I did not consume the sons of Israel in my jealousy.

12 Because of this say *unto them*, Behold, I establish my covenant of peace with him;

13 and he shall have, and his seed after him, *even* the covenant of the everlasting priesthood because he was zealous for his God and reconciled the sons of Israel.

14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, *even* that was slain with the Midianite, *was* Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a family of the tribe of Simeon.

15 And the name of the Midianite woman that was slain *was* Cozbi, the daughter of Zur, prince of peoples, *of the* house of *the* father, in Midian.

16 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

17 Declare war on the Midianites and smite them;

18 for they treated you as enemies with their wiles, with which they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, daughter of the prince of Midian, their sister, who was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.

Numbers 26

1 ¶ And it came to pass after the plague that the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by the houses of their fathers, all that are able to go to war in Israel.

3 And Moses and Eleazar, the priest, spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan of Jericho, saying,

4 Count the people from twenty years old and upward as the LORD commanded Moses and the sons of Israel, who went forth out of the land of Egypt.

5 ¶ Reuben, firstborn of Israel; the sons of Reuben: Enoch, *of whom* was the family of the Enochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites;

6 of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These *are* the families of the Reubenites; and those numbered were forty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the sons of Pallu: Eliab.

9 And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel, Dathan, and Abiram. This is *that* Dathan and Abiram, *who were* famous in the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD.

10 And the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, when the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men and they became an example.

11 Notwithstanding the sons of Korah did not die.

12 The sons of Simeon by their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;

13 of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites; of Saul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These *are* the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand two hundred.

15 The sons of Gad by their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;

16 of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;

17 of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These *are* the families of the sons of Gad according to those numbered, forty thousand five hundred.

19 The sons of Judah: Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And the sons of Judah by their families: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Pharez, the family of the Pharzites; of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites.

21 And the sons of Pharez: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 These *are* the families of Judah according to those numbered, seventy-six thousand five hundred.

23 The sons of Issachar by their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Pua, the family of the Punites;

24 of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These *are* the families of Issachar according to those numbered, sixty-four thousand three hundred.

26 The sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Sardites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These *are* the families of the Zebulunites according to those numbered, sixty thousand five hundred.

28 The sons of Joseph by their families: Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir begat Gilead; of Gilead *comes* the family of the Gileadites.

30 These *are* the sons of Gilead: of Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites;

31 of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;

32 of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaïtes; and of Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.

33 And Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, had no sons, but daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 These *are* the families of Manasseh, and those numbered of them, fifty-two thousand seven hundred.

35 These *are* the sons of Ephraim by their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalhites; of Becher, the family of the Bachrites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And these *are* the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These *are* the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those numbered, thirty-two thousand five hundred. These *are* the sons of Joseph by their families.

38 The sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaïtes; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites;

39 of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: *of* Ard, the family of the Ardites; *and* of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These *are* the sons of Benjamin by their families: and those numbered *were* forty-five thousand six hundred.

42 These *are* the sons of Dan by their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These *are* the families of Dan by their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those numbered, *were* sixty-four thousand four hundred.

44 The sons of Asher after their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites; of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriïtes.

45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Asher *was* Sarah.

47 These *are* the families of the sons of Asher according to those numbered; fifty-three thousand four hundred.

48 *Of* the sons of Naphtali by their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites;

49 of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50 These *are* the families of Naphtali by their families; and those numbered *were* forty-five thousand four hundred.

51 These are the numbered of the sons of Israel, six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

53 Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.

54 To *those that are* many thou shalt give more inheritance, and to *those that are* few thou shalt give less inheritance; to each one shall his inheritance be given according to those that were numbered of him.

55 Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by lot; according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.

56 According to the lot shall the inheritance be divided between *those that are* many and *those that are* few.

57 ¶ And these *are* those that were numbered of the Levites by their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 These *are* the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begat Amram.

59 And the name of Amram's wife *was* Jochebed, daughter of Levi, whom *her mother* bore to Levi in Egypt: and she bore unto Amram Aaron and Moses and Miriam, their sister.

60 And unto Aaron was born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

61 And Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

62 And those that were numbered of them were twenty-three thousand, all males from a month old and upward; for they were not numbered among the sons of Israel because no inheritance was to be given them among the sons of Israel.

63 ¶ These *are* those that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar, the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan of Jericho.

64 And among these there was not a man of those whom Moses and Aaron the priest *had* numbered when they numbered the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

65 For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, except Caleb, the son of Jephunneh and Joshua, the son of Nun.

Numbers 27

1 ¶ Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh, the son of Joseph; and these *are* the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah and Hoglah and Milcah and Tirzah.

2 And they stood before Moses and before Eleazar, the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony, saying,

3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of those that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah, but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

4 Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family because he has no son? Give unto us *therefore* a possession among the brethren of our father.

5 And Moses brought their cause before the LORD.

6 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right; thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren, and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

8 And thou shalt speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, If a man dies and has no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

9 And if he has no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren.

10 And if he has no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren.

11 And if his father has no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his lineage, and he shall inherit it; and it shall be unto the sons of Israel a law of rights, as the LORD commanded Moses.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Climb up this Mount Abarim, and thou shalt see the land which I have given unto the sons of Israel.

13 And after thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy peoples, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

14 For ye were rebels to my word in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me in the waters before their eyes. These *are* the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

15 ¶ Then Moses spoke unto the LORD, saying,

16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

17 who may go out before them, and who may go in before them, and who may lead them out and who may bring them in that the congregation of the LORD not be as sheep without a shepherd.

18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take Joshua, the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay thine hand upon him

19 and set him before Eleazar, the priest, and before all the congregation and give him a charge in their presence.

20 And thou shalt put *some* of thy splendour upon him that all the congregation of the sons of Israel may hear *him*.

21 And he shall stand before Eleazar, the priest, whom he shall consult in the judgment of the Urim before the LORD; at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he and all the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation.

22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him, and he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar, the priest, and before all the congregation,

23 and he laid his hands upon him and gave him a charge, as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses.

Numbers 28

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the sons of Israel and say unto them, My offering, my bread with my offerings on fire, *for* an acceptable savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.

3 And thou shalt say unto them, This *is* the offering on fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without spot each day, *for* a continual burnt offering.

4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer between the two evenings,

5 and a tenth *part* of an ephah of flour, mingled with the fourth *part* of a hin of beaten oil as a present.

6 *It is* a continual burnt offering, which was ordained in Mount Sinai for an acceptable savour, an offering on fire unto the LORD.

7 And the drink offering thereof *shall be* the fourth *part* of a hin with each lamb; thou shalt pour out the drink offering of *superior* wine unto the LORD in the sanctuary.

8 And the other lamb shalt thou offer between the two evenings; according to the offering of the morning and according to the drink offering thereof, thou shalt offer *it*, an offering on fire, of an acceptable savour unto the LORD.

9 ¶ But on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot and two tenth deals of flour mingled with oil, for a present, with the drink offering thereof:

10 *This is* the burnt offering of the sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

11 And in the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD: two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot;

12 and three tenth deals of flour mingled with oil, as a present with each bullock; and two tenth deals of flour mingled with oil, as a present with each ram;

13 and a tenth deal of flour mingled with oil in offering as a present with each lamb; a burnt offering of an acceptable savour, a sacrifice on fire unto the LORD.

14 And their drink offerings shall be half a hin of wine with each bullock and the third *part* of a hin with each ram and a fourth *part* of a hin with each lamb. This *shall be* the burnt offering of each month throughout all the months of the year.

15 And one he goat as *the sin* shall be offered unto the LORD, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

16 ¶ But on the fourteenth of the first month *shall be* the passover of the LORD.

17 And in the fifteenth day of this month *is* the feast; seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

18 In the first day *shall be* a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work *therein*.

19 And ye shall offer a sacrifice on fire *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD: two young bullocks and one ram and seven lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish;

20 and their present *shall be of* flour mingled with oil; three tenth deals shall ye offer with each bullock and two tenth deals with each ram;

21 a tenth deal shalt thou offer with each of the seven lambs;

22 and one he goat as *the sin*, to reconcile you.

23 Ye shall offer these besides the burnt offering in the morning, which *is* the continual burnt offering.

24 After this manner ye shall offer daily throughout the seven days, the bread of the sacrifice on fire, of an acceptable savour unto the LORD; it shall be offered besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

25 And on the seventh day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye offer a new present unto the LORD in your *fulfilled* weeks, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

27 But ye shall offer in burnt offering, in an acceptable savour unto the LORD: two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs of the first year;

28 and their present of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals with each bullock, two tenth deals with each ram,

29 a tenth deal with each of the seven lambs;

30 *and* one he goat, to reconcile you.

31 Ye shall offer *them* besides the continual burnt offering and its presents and their drink offerings; they shall be unto you without blemish.

Numbers 29

1 ¶ And in the seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work; it is a day of sounding an alarm unto you.

2 And ye shall offer a burnt offering for an acceptable savour unto the LORD: one young bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the first year without blemish;

3 and their present *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals with each bullock, *and* two tenth deals with each ram,

4 and one tenth deal with each of the seven lambs;

5 and one he goat as *the* sin, to reconcile you.

6 Besides the burnt offering of the month and its present, and the daily burnt offering and its present and their drink offerings, according to their law, for an acceptable savour, a sacrifice on fire unto the LORD.

7 And ye shall have on the tenth of this seventh month a holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls; ye shall not do any work;

8 and ye shall offer in burnt offering unto the LORD *for* an acceptable savour: one young bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish.

9 And their presents *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals with each bullock, *and* two tenth deals with each ram,

10 a tenth deal for each of the seven lambs;

11 one he goat as *the* sin, besides the offering of the reconciliations for the sin, and the continual burnt offering and its presents and their drink offerings.

12 ¶ Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days;

13 and ye shall offer in burnt offering, a sacrifice on fire, of an acceptable savour unto the LORD: thirteen young bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish

14 and their presents *of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals with each of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth deals with each of the two rams,

15 and one tenth deal with each of the fourteen lambs;

16 and one he goat as *the* sin, besides the continual burnt offering, its present, and its drink offering.

17 And on the second day *ye shall offer* twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot;

18 and their presents and their drink offerings with the bullocks, with the rams, and with the lambs *shall be* according to their number, according to the law;

19 And one he goat as *the* sin, besides the continual burnt offering and its present and its drink offering.

20 And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;

21 and their presents and their drink offerings with the bullocks, with the rams, and with the lambs *shall be* according to their number, according to the law;

22 and one he goat as *the* sin, besides the continual burnt offering and its present and its drink offering.

23 And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;

24 their presents and their drink offerings with the bullocks, with the rams, and with the lambs *shall be* according to their number, according to the law;

25 and one he goat as *the* sin, besides the continual burnt offering, its present, and its drink offering.

26 And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without spot;

27 and their presents and their drink offerings with the bullocks, with the rams, and with the lambs *shall be* according to their number, according to the law;

28 and one he goat as *the* sin, besides the continual burnt offering, and its present, and its drink offering.

29 And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;

30 and their presents and their drink offerings with the bullocks, with the rams, and with the lambs *shall be* according to their number, according to the law;

31 and one he goat as *the* sin, besides the continual burnt offering, its present, and its drink offering.

32 And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;

33 and their presents and their drink offerings with the bullocks, with the rams, and with the lambs *shall be* according to their number, according to the law;

34 and one he goat as *the* sin, besides the continual burnt offering, its present, and its drink offering.

35 On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly; ye shall do no servile work:

36 And ye shall offer in burnt offering, in a sacrifice on fire, of an acceptable savour unto the LORD one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish;

37 their presents and their drink offerings with the bullock, with the ram, and with the lambs *shall be* according to their number, according to the law;

38 and one he goat as *the* sin, besides the continual burnt offering and its present and its drink offering.

39 These *things* ye shall offer unto the LORD in your solemnities, besides your vows, and your freewill offerings, in your burnt offerings, and in your presents, and in your drink offerings, and in your peace *offerings*.

40 And Moses told the sons of Israel according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

Numbers 30

1 ¶ And Moses spoke unto the princes of the tribes concerning the sons of Israel, saying, This *is* the thing which the LORD has commanded.

2 When a man vows a vow unto the LORD or swears an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not defile his word: he shall do according to all that proceeded out of his mouth.

3 ¶ But the woman, when she shall vow a vow unto the LORD and bind herself by a bond, *being* in her father's house in her youth,

4 and her father hears her vow and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and her father shall remain silent regarding it, then all her promises shall stand, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand.

5 But if her father disallows her in the day that he hears all of her vows and of her bonds with which she has bound her soul, they shall not stand, and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 But if she had at all a husband when she vowed or pronounced anything out of her lips, with which she bound her soul,

7 if her husband heard *it* and remained silent regarding it in the day that he heard *it*, then her vows shall stand, and her bonds with which she bound her soul shall stand.

8 But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard it, then her vow which she vowed and that which she pronounced with her lips, with which she bound her soul, shall be of no effect, and the LORD shall forgive her.

9 But every vow of a widow and of her that is divorced, with which they have bound their souls, shall stand.

10 And if she vowed in her husband's house or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;

11 if her husband heard *it* and remained silent regarding it *and* did not disallow her, then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she bound her soul shall stand.

12 But if her husband has utterly made them void on the day he heard *them*, *then* whatever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows or concerning

the bond of her soul, shall not stand; her husband has made them void, and the LORD shall forgive her.

13 Every vow and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.

14 But if her husband remained silent regarding this from day to day; then he establishes all her vows or all her bonds, which *are* upon her; he confirms them because he remained silent regarding this in the day that he heard *them*.

15 But if he shall in any way make them void after that he has heard *them*, then he shall bear her iniquity.

16 These *are* the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses between a man and his wife *and* between the father and his daughter, *being yet* in her youth in her father's house.

Numbers 31

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Avenge the sons of Israel upon the Midianites; afterward thou shalt be gathered unto thy peoples.
- 3 And Moses spoke unto the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves unto the war and let them go against the Midianites and carry out the vengeance of the LORD in Midian.
- 4 A thousand out of every tribe throughout all the tribes of Israel shall ye send to the war.
- 5 So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel a thousand of *every* tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.
- 6 And Moses sent them to the war; he sent a thousand of every tribe; and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar the priest, *went* to the war with the holy instruments, with the trumpets to blow in his hand.
- 7 ¶ And they fought against the Midianites as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the males.
- 8 And they also slew the kings of Midian among the rest of those that were slain: *namely*, Evi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba, five kings of Midian; they also slew Balaam, the son of Beor, with the sword.
- 9 And the sons of Israel took *all* the women of Midian captives and their little ones and took the spoil of all their beasts and all their flocks and all their goods.
- 10 And they burnt all their cities in which they dwelt and all their palaces with fire.
- 11 And they took all the spoil and all the prey, *both* of men and of beasts.
- 12 And they brought the captives and the prey and the spoil unto Moses and Eleazar, the priest, and unto the congregation of the sons of Israel, unto the camp in the plains of Moab, which *was* by Jordan of Jericho.
- 13 ¶ And Moses and Eleazar, the priest, and all the princes of the congregation went forth to meet them outside the camp.
- 14 And Moses was angry with the officers of the host, *with* the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds who returned from the battle.

15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive?

16 Behold, these caused the sons of Israel through the counsel of Balaam to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor for which there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

17 Now therefore kill every male among the little ones and kill every woman that has known a man by lying with him.

18 But all the female children that have not known a man by lying with him keep alive for yourselves.

19 And ye must abide outside the camp seven days; and whoever has killed any person and whoever has touched any dead *body* ye shall remove the sin from them on the third and on the seventh day, *both* of yourselves and of your captives.

20 Likewise remove all sin from all *your* clothing and all that is made of skins and all work of goats' *hair* and every vessel made of wood.

21 And Eleazar, the priest, said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses;

22 certainly the gold and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23 every thing that may endure the fire, ye shall cause to pass through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless, ye shall remove the sin with the water of separation; and all that does not endure the fire ye shall cause to go through the water.

24 Ye shall also wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterwards ye shall come into the camp.

25 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

26 Take the sum of the prey that was taken, *both* of man and of beast, thou and Eleazar, the priest, and the heads of the fathers of the congregation,

27 and divide the prey into two parts between those that took the part in the war, who went out to battle, and all the congregation.

28 And offer a tribute unto the LORD from the men of war who went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, *both* of the persons and of the oxen and of the asses and of the sheep.

29 Take *it* from their half and give Eleazar, the priest, the offering of the LORD.

30 And of the half belonging to the sons of Israel, thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the oxen, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of animals and give them unto the Levites, who keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.

31 And Moses and Eleazar, the priest, did as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 And the prey, *that is* the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep

33 and seventy-two thousand oxen

34 and sixty-one thousand asses

35 and thirty-two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known a man by lying with him.

36 And the half *which was* the portion of those that went out to war was in number three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep.

37 And the tribute for the LORD, of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five.

38 And the oxen *were* thirty-six thousand, of which the tribute for the LORD *was* seventy-two.

39 And the asses *were* thirty thousand five hundred, of which the tribute for the LORD *was* sixty-one.

40 And the persons *were* sixteen thousand, of which the tribute for the LORD *was* thirty-two persons.

41 And Moses gave the tribute, *which was* the LORD's *heave* offering, unto Eleazar, the priest, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

42 And of the half pertaining to the sons of Israel, which Moses divided from the men that had gone to war,

43 (now the half *that pertained unto* the congregation was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep

44 and thirty-six thousand oxen

45 and thirty thousand five hundred asses

46 and sixteen thousand persons)

47 of the half, therefore of the sons of Israel, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, who kept

the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

48 ¶ And the officers who *were* over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses,

49 and they said unto Moses, Thy slaves have taken the sum of the men of war who *are* under our charge and not one man of us is missing.

50 We have therefore brought an offering for the LORD, each man of what he has found, of vessels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to reconcile our souls before the LORD.

51 And Moses and Eleazar, the priest, took the gold from them, all wrought vessels.

52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands and of the captains of hundreds, *was* sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.

53 (*For* the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.)

54 And Moses and Eleazar, the priest, took the gold from the captains of thousands and of hundreds and brought it into the tabernacle of the testimony, *for* a memorial of the sons of Israel before the LORD.

Numbers 32

1 ¶ Now the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had a very great multitude of livestock, and when they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, it seemed unto them that the place *was* a place for livestock.

2 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came and spoke unto Moses and to Eleazar, the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,

3 Ataroth and Dibon and Jazer and Nimrah and Heshbon and Elealeh and Shebam and Nebo and Beon,

4 the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for livestock, and thy slaves have livestock.

5 Therefore, they said, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy slaves for a possession *and* do not make us pass the Jordan.

6 And Moses said unto the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?

7 Why do ye discourage the heart of the sons of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD has given them?

8 Thus did your fathers when I sent them from Kadeshbarnea to see the land.

9 For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the sons of Israel that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

10 And the LORD's anger was kindled the same time, and he swore, saying,

11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they were not perfect in following me,

12 except Caleb, the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua, the son of Nun, for they were perfect in following the LORD.

13 And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was consumed.

14 And, behold, ye are risen up in the place of your fathers, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel.

15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave you in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people.

16 ¶ Then they came near unto him and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock and cities for our little ones,

17 but we ourselves will go arm ourselves and go with diligence before the sons of Israel until we have brought them unto their place, and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 We will not return unto our houses until the sons of Israel have inherited each man his inheritance.

19 For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan or forward because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side of Jordan eastward.

20 Then Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will prepare yourselves to go before the LORD to the war

21 and will all pass the Jordan armed before the LORD until he has driven out his enemies from before him

22 and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterward ye shall return and be guiltless before the LORD and before Israel, and this land shall be your possession before the LORD.

23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye shall have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will catch up with you.

24 Build cities for your little ones and folds for your sheep and do that which has proceeded out of your mouth.

25 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke unto Moses, saying, Thy slaves will do as my lord commands.

26 Our little ones, our wives, our livestock, and all our beasts, shall be there in the cities of Gilead;

27 but thy slaves, each one armed for war, will pass before the LORD to battle, as our lord saith.

28 ¶ So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar, the priest, and Joshua, the son of Nun, and the princes of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

29 And Moses said unto them, If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben will pass the Jordan with you, each one armed to battle, before the LORD,

after the land shall be subdued before you, then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession.

30 But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.

31 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD has said unto thy slaves, so will we do.

32 We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance on this side of the Jordan *shall be* ours.

33 Thus Moses gave unto the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben and unto half the tribe of Manasseh, the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with its cities and borders, *even* the cities of the country round about.

34 And the sons of Gad built Dibon and Ataroth and Aroer

35 and Atroth-shophan and Jaazer and Jogbehah

36 and Bethnimrah and Bethharan, fenced cities, and also folds for sheep.

37 And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon and Elealeh and Kirjathaim

38 and Nebo and Baalmeon (their names being changed) and Shibmah and gave other names unto the cities which they built.

39 And the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, went to Gilead and took it and dispossessed the Amorite who *was* in it.

40 And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir, the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein.

41 Jair, the son of Manasseh also went and took the small towns thereof and called them Havothjair.

42 Likewise Nobah went and took Kenath and its villages and called it Nobah, after his own name.

Numbers 33

1 ¶ These *are* the journeys of the sons of Israel who went forth out of the land of Egypt with their hosts under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD. These *are* their journeys according to their goings out.

3 And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the second day of the passover the sons of Israel went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

4 For the Egyptians were burying all *their* firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them, the LORD having also executed judgments upon their gods.

5 And the sons of Israel removed from Rameses and pitched in Succoth.

6 And they departed from Succoth and pitched in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness.

7 And they removed from Etham and turned again unto Pihahiroth, which *is* before Baalzephon, and they pitched before Migdol.

8 And they departed from before Pihahiroth and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham and pitched in Marah.

9 And they removed from Marah and came unto Elim, and in Elim *were* twelve fountains of water and seventy palm trees, and they pitched there.

10 And they removed from Elim and encamped by the Red Sea.

11 And they removed from the Red Sea and encamped in the wilderness of Sin.

12 And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin and encamped in Dophkah.

13 And they departed from Dophkah and encamped in Alush.

14 And they removed from Alush and encamped at Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.

15 And they departed from Rephidim and pitched in the wilderness of Sinai.

16 And they removed from the desert of Sinai and pitched at Kibrothhattaavah.

17 And they departed from Kibrothhattaavah and encamped at Hazeroth.

18 And they departed from Hazeroth and pitched in Rithmah.

19 And they departed from Rithmah and pitched at Rimmonparez.

20 And they departed from Rimmonparez and pitched in Libnah.

21 And they removed from Libnah and pitched at Rissah.

22 And they journeyed from Rissah and pitched in Kehelathah.

23 And they went from Kehelathah and pitched in Mount Shapher.

24 And they removed from Mount Shapher and encamped in Haradah.

25 And they removed from Haradah and pitched in Makheloth.

26 And they removed from Makheloth and encamped at Tahath.

27 And they departed from Tahath and pitched at Tarah.

28 And they removed from Tarah and pitched in Mithcah.

29 And they went from Mithcah and pitched in Hashmonah.

30 And they departed from Hashmonah and encamped at Moseroth.

31 And they departed from Moseroth and pitched in Benejaakan.

32 And they removed from Benejaakan and encamped at Horhagidgad.

33 And they went from Horhagidgad and pitched in Jotbathah.

34 And they removed from Jotbathah and encamped at Ebronah.

35 And they departed from Ebronah and encamped at Eziongaber.

36 And they removed from Eziongaber and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh.

37 And they removed from Kadesh and pitched in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

38 And Aaron, the priest, went up into Mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD and died there in the fortieth year, after the sons of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first *day* of the fifth month.

39 And Aaron *was* one hundred and twenty-three years old when he died in Mount Hor.

40 And King Arad, the Canaanite, who dwelt in the Negev in the land of Canaan, heard how the sons of Israel had come.

41 And they departed from Mount Hor and pitched in Zalmonah.

42 And they departed from Zalmonah and pitched in Punon.

43 And they departed from Punon and pitched in Oboth.

44 And they departed from Oboth and pitched in Ijeabarim, in the border of Moab.

45 And they departed from Iim and pitched in Dibongad.

46 And they removed from Dibongad and encamped in Almondiblathaim.

47 And they removed from Almondiblathaim and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim and pitched in the plains of Moab by Jordan of Jericho.

49 Finally they pitched by the Jordan, from Bethjesimoth *even* unto Abelshittim in the plains of Moab.

50 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan of Jericho, saying,

51 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, When ye have passed the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

52 then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you and abolish all their paintings and abolish all their molten images and destroy all their high places,

53 and ye shall dispossess *the inhabitants* of the land and dwell therein; for I have given you the land to inherit it.

54 And ye shall inherit the land by lots by your families, *and* to *those with* the most ye shall give more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give less inheritance, each one's *inheritance* shall be in the place where his lot falls; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.

55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall come to pass that those whom ye let remain of them *shall be* pricks in your eyes and thorns in your sides and shall afflict you in the land in which ye dwell.

56 Moreover it shall come to pass *that* I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

Numbers 34

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Command the sons of Israel and say unto them, When ye have entered into the land of Canaan (this *is* the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, *even* the land of Canaan according to its borders),
- 3 you shall have on the side of the Negev from the wilderness of Zin unto the borders of Edom, and your border towards the Negev shall be the outmost coast of the salt sea eastward.
- 4 And this border shall turn from the Negev to the ascent of Akrabbim and pass on to Zin, and the going forth thereof shall be from the Negev to Kadeshbarnea and shall go on to Hazaraddar and pass on to Azmon;
- 5 and the border shall fetch a compass from Azmon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the *western* sea.
- 6 And *as for* the western border, ye shall even have the great sea for a border; this shall be your west border.
- 7 And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall point out for you Mount Hor.
- 8 From Mount Hor ye shall point out *your border* unto the entrance of Hamath, and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zedad,
- 9 and the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazarenan; this shall be your north border.
- 10 And ye shall point out your east border from Hazarenan to Shepham,
- 11 and the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain, and the border shall descend and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward.
- 12 And the border shall go down to the Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt sea; this shall be your land with the borders thereof round about.
- 13 And Moses commanded the sons of Israel, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes and to the half tribe,

14 because the tribe of the sons of Reuben, according to the houses of their fathers, and the tribe of the sons of Gad, according to the houses of their fathers, and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance.

15 The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side of the Jordan of Jericho eastward, toward the sunrising.

16 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

17 These *are* the names of the men who shall divide the possession of the land for you: Eleazar, the priest, and Joshua, the son of Nun.

18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe to divide the possession of the land.

19 And the names of the men *are* these: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb, the son of Jephunneh.

20 And of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Shemuel, the son of Ammihud.

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad, the son of Chislon.

22 And the of the tribe of the sons of Dan, the prince Bukki, the son of Jogli.

23 Of the sons of Joseph: of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh, the prince Hanniel, the son of Ephod.

24 And of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim, the prince Kemuel, the son of Shiphtan.

25 And of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun, the prince Elizaphan, the son of Parnach.

26 And of the tribe of the sons of Issachar, the prince Paltiel, the son of Azzan.

27 And of the tribe of the sons of Asher, the prince Ahihud, the son of Shelomi.

28 And of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali, the prince Pedahel, the son of Ammihud.

29 These *are those* whom the LORD commanded to cause the sons of Israel to inherit the land of Canaan.

Numbers 35

1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan of Jericho, saying,

2 Command the sons of Israel that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in, and ye shall give *also* unto the Levites the suburbs of those cities round about them.

3 And they shall have the cities to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their animals and for their substance and for all their beasts.

4 And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, *shall reach* from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about.

5 Then ye shall measure from outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the side of the Negev two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city *shall be* in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites, *there shall be* six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint so that the manslayer may flee there; and in addition to them ye shall give them forty-two cities.

7 So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites *shall be* forty-eight cities, the *cities* with their suburbs.

8 And the cities which ye shall give *shall be* of the possession of the sons of Israel; from *those that have* much ye shall give many; but from *those that have* few ye shall give few, each one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his possession which he inherited.

9 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the sons of Israel and say unto them, When ye have passed the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

11 then ye shall appoint yourselves cities to be cities of refuge for you that the manslayer who kills any person unawares may flee there.

12 And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger {Heb. redeemer} that the manslayer not die until he stands before the congregation in judgment.

13 And of these cities which ye shall give, six cities shall ye have for refuge.

14 Ye shall give three cities on this side of the Jordan and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, *which* shall be cities of refuge.

15 These six cities shall be a refuge, *both* for the sons of Israel and for the stranger and for the sojourner among them that anyone that kills another person unawares may flee there.

16 And if he smites him with an instrument of iron so that he dies, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 And if he smites him by throwing a stone with which he may die, and he dies, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

18 Or *if* he smites him with a hand weapon of wood with which he may die, and he dies, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 The kinsman avenger {Heb. redeemer} of blood shall slay the murderer; when he meets him, he shall slay him.

20 But if he thrusts him out of hatred or hurls at him by laying in wait, so that he dies

21 or out of enmity smites him with his hand so that he dies, he that smote *him* shall surely be put to death; *for* he *is* a murderer; the kinsman avenger {Heb. redeemer} of blood shall slay the murderer when he meets him.

22 But if he thrusts him suddenly without enmity, or has cast upon him any thing without laying in wait,

23 or with any stone, with which a man may die, seeing *him* not and casts *it* upon him that he dies, and *was* not his enemy, neither sought his harm,

24 then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the kinsman avenger {Heb. redeemer} of blood according to these laws.

25 And the congregation shall deliver the manslayer out of the hand of the kinsman avenger {Heb. redeemer} of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, where he has fled, and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the holy oil.

26 But if the manslayer shall at any time come outside the border of the city of his refuge where he has fled,

27 and the kinsman avenger {Heb. redeemer} of blood finds him outside the borders of the city of his refuge, and the kinsman avenger {Heb. redeemer} of blood slays the manslayer, he shall not be guilty of his blood.

28 He should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest, but after the death of the high priest the manslayer shall return into the land of his possession.

29 So these *things* shall be for a statute of rights unto you throughout your ages in all your dwellings.

30 Whoever kills any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses, but one witness shall not testify against any person *to cause him* to die.

31 Moreover ye shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who *is* guilty of death, but he shall be surely put to death.

32 And ye shall take no ransom for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

33 So ye shall not pollute the land where ye are, for this blood shall defile the land; and the land cannot be reconciled of the blood that is shed therein except by the blood of the one that shed it.

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit in the midst of which I dwell; for I the LORD dwell among the sons of Israel.

Numbers 36

1 ¶ And the princes of the fathers of the families of the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses and before the princes, the heads of the fathers of the sons of Israel,

2 and they said, The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the sons of Israel; and my lord was also commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad, our brother unto his daughters.

3 And if they become married to any of the sons of the *other* tribes of the sons of Israel, then their inheritance shall be taken from the inheritance of our fathers and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe unto which they are received; so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

4 And when the jubilee of the sons of Israel shall come, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe unto which they are received; so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 ¶ Then Moses commanded the sons of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph has spoken well.

6 This *is* the thing which the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry as they desire; but they shall marry only within the family of the tribe of their father

7 so that the inheritance of the sons of Israel shall not be passed from tribe to tribe; for each one of the sons of Israel shall cleave to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And any daughter, that possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the sons of Israel, shall marry one of the family of the tribe of her father so that each man of the sons of Israel may possess the inheritance of his fathers.

9 So that the inheritance shall not change from *one* tribe to another tribe, each one of the tribes of the sons of Israel shall cleave to his own inheritance.

10 As the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad.

11 And *thus* Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, married the sons of their uncles.

12 They were women of the family of the sons of Manasseh, the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These *are* the commandments and the rights which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan of Jericho.

The Fifth Book of Moses Commonly Called

Deuteronomy

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Deuteronomy 1

1 ¶ These *are* the words which Moses spoke unto all Israel on this side of the Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red Sea, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

2 (*There are* eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir unto Kadeshbarnea.)

3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, *that* Moses spoke unto the sons of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had commanded him regarding them;

4 after he had slain Sihon, the king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og, the king of Bashan, who dwelt at Astaroth in Edrei;

5 on this side of the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses resolved to declare this law, saying,

6 The LORD our God spoke unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount;

7 turn and take your journey and go to the mount of the Amorite and unto all *the places* nearby, in the plain, in the hills, and in the valleys and to the Negev and by the sea side to the land of the Canaanite and unto Lebanon unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

8 Behold, *I* have given the land in your presence; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that he would give unto them and to their seed after them.

9 ¶ And I spoke unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone;

10 the LORD your God has multiplied you, and, behold, ye *are* this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 Let the LORD God of your fathers add upon you a thousand times so many more as ye *are* and bless you, as he has promised!

12 How can *I* myself alone bear your troubles and your burdens and your strife?

13 Give me from among you, of your tribes, wise and understanding and expert men, and I will make them the head *over you*.

14 And ye answered me and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good *for us* to do.

15 So I took the principals of your tribes, wise men and experts, and made them princes over you, princes over thousands and princes over hundreds and princes over fifties and princes over tens and officers among your tribes.

16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *the causes* between your brethren and judge righteously between *every* man and his brother and the stranger *that is* with him.

17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment, *but* ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment is God's; and the cause that is too hard for you, bring *it* unto me, and I will hear it.

18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

19 ¶ And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorite, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Kadeshbarnea.

20 *Then I* said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorite, which the LORD our God gives unto us.

21 Behold, the LORD thy God has given the land before thee; go up *and* possess *it*, as the LORD God of thy fathers has said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.

22 And ye came near unto me every one of you and said, We will send men before us, and they shall spy us out the land and bring us word again by what way we must go up and into what cities we shall come.

23 And the saying seemed good unto me, and I took twelve men of you, one of each tribe.

24 And they turned and went up into the mountain and came unto the valley of Eshcol and spied out *the land*.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought *it* down unto us and brought us word again and said, *It is* a good land which the LORD our God gives us.

26 Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God;

27 and ye murmured in your tents and said, Because the LORD hated us, he has brought us forth out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorite, to destroy us.

28 Where shall we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, This people *is* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

30 The LORD your God who goes before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did with you in Egypt before your eyes;

31 and in the wilderness thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bore thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went until ye came into this place.

32 Yet with all this ye did not believe in the LORD your God,

33 who went in the way before you to search you out a place to pitch your tents, with fire by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and with a cloud by day.

34 And the LORD heard the voice of your words and was angry and swore, saying,

35 Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land, which I swore to give unto your fathers,

36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he has trodden upon, and to his sons, because he has perfectly

followed the LORD.

37 Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou shalt not go in there either.

38 *But* Joshua, the son of Nun, who stands before thee, he shall go in there; encourage him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 Moreover your little ones, whom ye said should be a prey and your children who in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in there, and unto them will I give it, and they shall inherit it.

40 But *as for* you, return and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

41 *Then* ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God has commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the mountain.

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Do not go up or fight, for I *am* not among you, lest ye be smitten before your enemies.

43 So I spoke unto you, and ye would not hear but were rebels against the word of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

44 And the Amorite, who dwelt in that mountain, came out against you and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, *even* unto Hormah.

45 And ye returned and wept before the LORD, but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

46 So ye abode in Kadesh many days, according unto the days that ye abode *there*.

Deuteronomy 2

1 ¶ Then we turned and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea, as the LORD had said unto me; and we went around Mount Seir many days

2 until the LORD spoke unto me, saying,

3 Ye have gone around this mountain long enough; return unto the Aquilon.

4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye *are* to pass through the border of your brethren, the sons of Esau, who dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you; take care unto yourselves, therefore;

5 do not seek a fight with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth because I have given Mount Seir unto Esau *for* an inheritance.

6 Ye shall buy food from them for money that ye may eat, and ye shall also buy water from them for money that ye may drink.

7 For the LORD thy God has blessed thee in all the works of thy hand; he knows thy walking through this great wilderness; these forty years the LORD thy God *has been* with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

8 ¶ And when we passed by our brethren, the sons of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath and from Eziongaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

9 And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession because I have given Ar unto the sons of Lot *for* an inheritance.

10 (The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many and tall as the Anakims,

11 which also were accounted giants as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims.

12 The Horims also dwelt in Seir before time, but the sons of Esau inherited from them, and they destroyed them from before them and dwelt in their stead as Israel did in the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.)

13 Now rise up, *said I*, and pass the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered.

14 And the days in which we came from Kadeshbarnea until we were come over the brook Zered, *was* thirty-eight years until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the camp, as the LORD swore unto them.

15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the camp until they were consumed.

16 So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people

17 that the LORD spoke unto me, saying,

18 Thou art to pass the border of Moab today unto Ar,

19 and *when* thou comest near over against the sons of Ammon, do not distress them nor meddle with them, for I will not give thee of the land of the sons of Ammon *any* possession because I have given it unto the sons of Lot *for* an inheritance.

20 (That also was accounted a land of giants; giants dwelt therein in another time, and the Ammonites called them Zamzummims,

21 a people great and many and tall as the Anakims; whom the LORD destroyed before the Ammonites; and they inherited from them and dwelt in their stead,

22 as he did to the sons of Esau who dwelt in Seir when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they inherited from them and dwelt in their stead even unto this day.

23 And the Avims who dwelt in Hazerim, *even* unto Gaza, the Caphtorims, who came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them and dwelt in their stead.)

24 ¶ Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass the river Arnon; behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon, the Amorite king of Heshbon, and his land; begin, take possession and contend with him in battle.

25 This day I will begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the peoples *that are under* the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of thee, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of thee.

26 And I sent ambassadors out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon, king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying,

27 Let me pass through thy land; I will go along by the high way; I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.

28 Thou shalt sell me food for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink; I will only pass through on my feet

29 (as the sons of Esau, who dwell in Seir, and the Moabites, who dwell in Ar, did unto me) until I shall pass the Jordan into the land which the LORD our God gives us.

30 But Sihon, king of Heshbon, would not let us pass by him, for the LORD thy God had hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate that he might deliver him into thy hand as *until* this day.

31 And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee; begin, take possession that thou may inherit his land.

32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

33 But the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him and his sons and all his people.

34 And we took all his cities at that time and utterly destroyed all the cities, the men and the women and the little ones; we left none to remain.

35 We took only the beasts for a prey unto ourselves and the spoil of the cities which we took.

36 From Aroer, which *is* by the brink of the river of Arnon, and *from* the city that is by the river even unto Gilead, there was not one city escaped us; the LORD our God delivered all of them before us.

37 Only unto the land of the sons of Ammon thou camest not, *nor* unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto any place that the LORD our God forbade us.

Deuteronomy 3

1 ¶ Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan; and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

2 And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into thy hand, and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon, king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.

3 So the LORD our God delivered into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people, and we smote him until none was left to him remaining.

4 And we took all his cities at that time there was not a city which we did not take from them, sixty cities, all the region of Argob, of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

5 All these cities *were* fenced with high walls, gates, and bars besides a great many unwallled towns.

6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon, king of Heshbon, utterly destroying every city, men, women, and children.

7 But all the beasts and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves.

8 And we *also* took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that *was* on this side of the Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto Mount Hermon

9 (*which* Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion and the Amorites call it Shenir) *and*

10 all the cities of the plain and all Gilead and all Bashan unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

11 For only Og, king of Bashan, had remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the sons of Ammon? Nine cubits *was* the length thereof and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

12 ¶ And this land, *which* we inherited at that time, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, and half of Mount Gilead and the cities thereof, I gave unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 And the rest of Gilead and all Bashan (*fertile ground*), *being* the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh: all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

14 Jair, the son of Manasseh, took all the country of Argob unto the border of Geshuri and Maachathi and called them after his own name, Bashanhavothjair, unto this day.

15 And I gave Gilead unto Machir.

16 And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon, half the valley for a border even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the sons of Ammon,

17 the plain also and the Jordan and the border *thereof* from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, under Ashdothpisgah eastward.

18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God has given you this land to possess it; ye shall pass armed before your brethren, the sons of Israel, all *that are* valiant.

19 Only your wives and your little ones and your livestock (for I know that ye have much livestock) shall abide in your cities which I have given you

20 until the LORD has given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and *until* they also inherit the land which the LORD your God has given them beyond the Jordan; *then* shall ye return each man unto his possession, which I have given you.

21 ¶ And I also commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done unto these two kings, so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms where thou passest.

22 Ye shall not fear them, for the LORD your God, he shall fight for you.

23 And I besought the LORD at that time, saying,

24 O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to show thy slave thy greatness and thy mighty hand; for what God *is there* in heaven or in earth that can do according to thy works and according to thy mighty acts?

25 I pray thee, let me go over and see that good land that is beyond the Jordan, that goodly mountain and Lebanon.

26 But the LORD was angry with me for your sakes and would not hear me, and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

27 Climb up into the top of Pisgah and lift up thine eyes westward and towards the Aquilon and towards the Negev and eastward and behold *it* with thine eyes, for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

28 But charge Joshua and encourage him and comfort him, for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

29 So we abode in the valley over against Bethpeor.

Deuteronomy 4

1 ¶ Now, therefore, hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rights which I teach you, for *in* doing them ye shall live and go in and inherit the land which the LORD God of your fathers gives you.

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *anything* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baalpeor; for all the men that followed Baalpeor, the LORD thy God has destroyed them from among you.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God *are* alive, every one of you this day.

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and rights, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do thus in the midst of the land where ye are about to enter in to possess it.

6 Keep *them*, therefore, and do *them*, for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who shall hear all these statutes and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For what nation *is there* so great who *has* God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all *things that* we call upon him *for*?

8 And what nation *is there* so great that has statutes and rights so just as all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Therefore, take heed to thyself and keep thy soul diligently lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life, but teach them to thy sons and thy sons' sons.

10 The day that thou didst stand before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather the people together unto me, and I will make them hear my words that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth and *that* they may teach their sons.

11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of the heavens, *with* darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

12 And the LORD spoke unto you out of the midst of the fire; ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no likeness; only *ye heard* a voice.

13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, the ten words; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you the statutes and rights that ye might do them in the land which ye are about to enter to possess.

15 Diligently guard, therefore, your souls, for ye saw no manner of likeness on the day *that* the LORD spoke unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire,

16 lest ye corrupt *yourselves* and make yourselves a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

17 the likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flies in the air,

18 the likeness of any animal that moves on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth,

19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun and the moon and the stars, *even* all the host of heaven, *and* should be driven to worship them and serve them because the LORD thy God has conceded them unto all the peoples under all the heavens.

20 But the LORD has taken you and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be unto him the people of *his* inheritance, as *ye are* this day.

21 Furthermore, the LORD was angry with me for your sakes and swore that I should not go over Jordan and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the LORD thy God gives thee *for* an inheritance.

22 Therefore, I must die in this land and will not pass the Jordan, but ye shall pass and inherit that good land.

23 Keep yourselves, do not forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he established with you, and make yourselves a graven image *or* the likeness of any *thing*, which the LORD thy God has forbidden thee.

24 For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God.

25 When thou shalt beget children and grandchildren and ye shall have remained long in the land and shall corrupt *yourselves* and make a graven

image or the likeness of any *thing* and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger,

26 I put heaven and earth as witnesses today that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land unto which ye pass the Jordan to inherit it; ye shall not prolong *your* days upon it without being utterly destroyed.

27 And the LORD shall scatter you among the peoples, and ye shall be left few in number among the Gentiles, unto whom the LORD shall take you.

28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

29 But if from there, thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find *him* if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

30 When thou art in trouble and all these things are come upon thee, if in the latter days thou shalt turn to the LORD thy God and shalt hear his voice

31 (for the LORD thy God *is* a merciful God), he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

32 Ask, therefore, now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth and *ask* from the one side of heaven unto the other whether there has been *any such thing* as this great thing *is*, or has *any* other been heard like it?

33 Have a people *ever* heard the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and lived?

34 Or has God assayed to go *and* take him a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by trials, by signs and by wonders and by war and by a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 Unto thee it was shown that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; *there is* no one else other than he.

36 Out of the heavens he made thee to hear his voice that he might instruct thee, and upon earth he showed thee his great fire, and thou hast heard his words out of the midst of the fire.

37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore, he chose their seed after them and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt,

38 to drive out Gentiles from before thee greater and mightier than thou *art*, to bring thee in, to give thee their land *for* an inheritance, as *it is* this day.

39 Know therefore this day and consider it in thine heart that the LORD is the only God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath; *there is* no other.

40 Thou shalt keep, therefore, his statutes and his commandments which I command thee this day that it may go well with thee and with thy sons after thee and that thou may prolong *thy* days upon the land which the LORD thy God gives thee, for ever.

41 ¶ Then Moses separated three cities on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrising

42 that the manslayer might flee there, who should kill his neighbour unawares and hated him not in times past and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live:

43 *Namely*, Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites, and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

44 And this *is* the law which Moses set before the sons of Israel.

45 These *are* the testimonies and the statutes and the rights, which Moses spoke unto the sons of Israel after they came forth out of Egypt,

46 on this side of the Jordan, in the valley over against Bethpeor, in the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel smote after they were come forth out of Egypt;

47 and they possessed his land and the land of Og, king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, who *were* on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrising.

48 From Aroer, which *is* by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto Mount Sion, which *is* Hermon,

49 and all the plain on this side of the Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain, under the springs of Pisgah.

Deuteronomy 5

1 ¶ And Moses called all Israel and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and rights which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them and keep them, to do them.

2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 Not with our fathers did the LORD make this covenant, but with us, all of us who are here alive this day.

4 The LORD spoke with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire

5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to show you the word of the LORD, for ye were afraid by reason of the fire and did not climb the mount), saying,

6 ¶ I AM thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt from the house of slavery.

7 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

8 Thou shalt not make thee *any* graven image or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in the heavens above or that *is* in the earth beneath or that *is* in the waters beneath the earth.

9 Thou shalt not bow down to them nor serve them, for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons unto the third and fourth *generation* of those that hate me

10 and showing mercy unto thousands, to those that love me and keep my commandments.

11 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* innocent that takes his name in vain.

12 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God has commanded thee.

13 Six days thou shalt labour and do all thy work,

14 but the seventh day *is* the sabbath unto the LORD thy God; *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son nor thy daughter nor thy manslave nor thy maids slave nor thine ox nor thine ass nor any animal of thine nor thy

stranger that *is* within thy gates, that thy manslave and thy maids slave may rest as well as thou.

15 And remember that thou wast a slave in the land of Egypt and *that* the LORD thy God brought thee out of there with a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore, the LORD thy God has commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God has commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God gives thee.

17 Thou shalt not murder.

18 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

19 Thou shalt not steal.

20 Thou shalt not give false testimony against thy neighbour.

21 Thou shalt not desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field or his manslave or his maids slave, his ox or his ass or any *thing* that *is* thy neighbour's.

22 These words the LORD spoke unto all your congregation in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice, and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone and delivered them unto me.

23 ¶ And it came to pass when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness and saw the mountain that burned with fire that ye came near unto me, *even* all the princes of your tribes and your elders;

24 and ye said, Behold, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire; we have seen this day that God does talk with man, and he lives.

25 Now, therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die.

26 For what is all flesh that it should hear the voice of the living God that speaks out of the midst of the fire, as we *heard*, and live?

27 Go thou near and hear all that the LORD our God shall say, and thou shalt tell us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear *it*, and do *it*.

28 And the LORD heard the voice of your words when ye spoke unto me, and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee; they have well said all that they have spoken.

29 O that there were such a heart in them that they would fear me and keep all my commandments always that it might be well with them and with their children for ever!

30 Go say to them, Return to your tents.

31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments and the statutes and the rights, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to inherit.

32 Ye shall observe to do, therefore, as the LORD your God has commanded you; ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you that ye may live and *that it may be* well with you and *that* ye may prolong *your* days in the land which ye are to inherit.

Deuteronomy 6

1 ¶ Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the rights, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you that ye might do *them* in the land into which ye go to inherit it

2 that thou might fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou and thy son and thy son's son, all the days of thy life and that thy days may be prolonged.

3 Hear, therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it* that it may be well with thee and that ye may be multiplied exceedingly (as the LORD God of thy fathers has said unto thee) in the land that flows with milk and honey.

4 ¶ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD.

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart,
7 and thou shalt repeat them diligently unto thy sons and shalt talk of them being in thy house and walking by the way, lying down in bed, and rising up;

8 and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thy eyes;

9 and thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house and on thy gates.

10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give it unto thee: great and goodly cities, which thou didst not build,

11 and houses full of all good *things*, which thou didst not fill, and hewn out wells, which thou didst not dig, vineyards and olive trees, which thou didst not plant; when thou shalt have eaten and be full,

12 *then* beware lest thou forget the LORD, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

13 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God and serve him and shalt swear by his name.

14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples who *are* round about you

15 (for the LORD thy God *is* a jealous God among you) lest peradventure the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted *him* in Massah.

17 ¶ Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded thee.

18 And thou shalt do *that which is* right and good in the sight of the LORD that it may be well with thee and that thou may enter in and inherit the good land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers

19 so that he will cast out all thine enemies from before thy presence, as the LORD has spoken.

20 *And* when tomorrow thy son asks thee, saying, What *are* the testimonies and the statutes and the rights, which the LORD our God has commanded you?

21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand;

22 and the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and sore, in Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes;

23 and he brought us out from there that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers.

24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes that we might fear the LORD our God for our good always that he might give us life, as *it is* at this day.

25 And we shall have justice when we keep ourselves *by* doing all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.

Deuteronomy 7

1 ¶ When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land into which thou must enter to inherit it and has cast out many Gentiles before thee, the Hittite and the Girgashite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 and when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee, thou shalt smite them *and* utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them nor show mercy unto them.

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me that they may serve other gods; and the anger of the LORD will be kindled upon you and destroy thee suddenly.

5 But thus shall ye deal with them: ye shall destroy their altars and break down their images and cut down their groves and burn their graven images in the fire.

6 For thou *art* a holy people unto the LORD thy God; the LORD thy God has chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, different from all the peoples that *are* upon the face of the earth.

7 Not because ye were more than the other peoples has the LORD desired you and chosen you; for ye *were* the fewest of all the peoples;

8 but because the LORD loved you and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, has the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand and ransomed you out of the house of slavery from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

9 Know, therefore, that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and mercy with those that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations

10 and repays him that hates him to his face, to destroy him; he will not be slack to him that hates him; he will repay him to his face.

11 Keep, therefore, the commandments and statutes and rights, which I command thee this day, to do them.

12 ¶ And it shall come to pass, for having heard these rights and for having kept them *by* doing them that the LORD thy God shall keep the covenant with thee and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers;

13 and he will love thee and bless thee and multiply thee; he will also bless the fruit of thy womb and the fruit of thy land, thy grain and thy wine and thine oil, the increase of thy cows and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee.

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be male or female barren among you or among your beasts.

15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee, but will lay them upon all *those* that hate thee.

16 And thou shalt consume all the peoples which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them; neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

17 When thou shalt say in thy heart, These Gentiles *are* more than I; how can I dispossess them?

18 Do not be afraid of them; remember well what the LORD thy God did with Pharaoh and with all Egypt;

19 of the great trials which thine eyes saw and the signs and the wonders and the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD thy God brought thee out; so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the peoples of whose presence thou art afraid.

20 Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them until those that are left and hide themselves from thee are destroyed.

21 Thou shalt not faint before them; for the LORD thy God is among you, a great and terrible God.

22 And the LORD thy God will put out those Gentiles before thee little by little; thou may not consume them at once lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction until they are destroyed.

24 And he shall deliver their kings into thy hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven; no one shall be able to stand before thee

until thou hast destroyed them.

25 The graven images of their gods ye shall burn in the fire; thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them nor take *it* unto thee lest thou be snared therein; for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house lest thou become an anathema like it, *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it *is* anathema.

Deuteronomy 8

1 ¶ Take care to do all the commandments which I command thee this day that ye may live and be multiplied and enter in and inherit the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way by which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness to afflict thee *and* to prove thee to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou would keep his commandments, or not.

3 And he afflicted thee and caused thee to hunger and sustained thee with manna, *food of* which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know, that he might make thee know that man does not live by bread alone, but by every *word* that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD shall man live.

4 Thy raiment never waxed old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

5 And know in thine heart, that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD thy God chastens thee.

6 Keep, therefore, the commandments of the LORD thy God *by* walking in his ways and fearing him.

7 For the LORD thy God brings thee into a good land, a land of brooks, of waters, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills,

8 a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olives, of oil, and honey;

9 a land in which thou shalt eat bread without scarceness; thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it, a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose mountains thou may dig brass.

10 ¶ Thou shalt eat and be full and bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he has given thee.

11 Keep thyself, that thou forget not the LORD thy God, to not fulfil his commandments and his rights and his statutes, which I command thee this day,

12 lest peradventure *when* thou hast eaten and art full and hast built goodly houses and dwelt *therein*,

13 and *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied and all that thou hast is multiplied,

14 then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery,

15 who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness of burning serpents and scorpions and drought, where *there was* no water, who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint,

16 who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, *a food* which thy fathers knew not, afflicting thee and proving thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

17 and thou say in thy heart, My power and the might of *my* hand has gotten me this wealth.

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God, for *it is* he that gives thee the power to get wealth that he may confirm his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God and walk after other gods and serve them and worship them, I protest against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the Gentiles which the LORD shall destroy before your face, so shall ye perish because ye would not attend to the voice of the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 9

1 ¶ Hear, O Israel: Thou *art ready* to pass over the Jordan this day to enter in to inherit *that of* Gentiles greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,

2 A people, great and tall, sons of the Anakims, whom thou knowest and *of whom* thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the sons of Anak!

3 Understand, therefore, this day that the LORD thy God is he who passes before thee; *as* a consuming fire he shall destroy them and humble them before thee, and thou shalt drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the LORD has said unto thee.

4 Think not in thine heart, after the LORD thy God has cast them out from before thee, saying, Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to inherit this land; rather for the wickedness of these Gentiles the LORD drives them out from before thee.

5 Not for thy righteousness or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou enter in to inherit their land; but for the wickedness of these Gentiles, the LORD thy God drives them out from before thee and that he may confirm the word which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

6 Understand, therefore, that the LORD thy God does not give thee this good land *to* inherit because of thy righteousness, for thou *art* a stiffnecked people.

7 ¶ Remember, *and* forget not, how thou hast provoked the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness; from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD.

8 Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you.

9 When I climbed up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, without eating bread or drinking water;

10 and the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God, and on them *was written* according to all the words which

the LORD spoke with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

11 And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights *that* the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant.

12 And the LORD said unto me, Arise, go down quickly from here, for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made themselves a molten image.

13 Furthermore, the LORD spoke unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiffnecked people.

14 Let me alone that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

15 So I turned and came down from the mount with the two tables of the covenant in my two hands and the mount burned with fire,

16 and I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God *and* had made yourselves a molten calf; ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

17 Then I took the two tables and cast them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes.

18 And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water because of all your sins in which ye sinned in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also.

20 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him, and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire and stamped it *and* ground *it* very small *even* until it was as small as dust, and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

22 *Also* at Taberah and at Massah and at Kibrothhattaavah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath.

23 Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadeshbarnea, saying, Go up and inherit the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye did not believe him nor hearken to his voice.

24 Ye have been rebels against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

25 Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *at the first*, because the LORD had said he would destroy you.

26 I prayed, therefore, unto the LORD and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast ransomed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 Remember thy slaves, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people nor to their wickedness nor to their sin,

28 lest *those of* the land from which thou didst bring us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them or because he hated them, he has brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

29 Yet they *are* thy people and thine inheritance, which thou didst bring out by thy mighty power and by thy outstretched arm.

Deuteronomy 10

1 ¶ At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first and come up unto me into the mount and make thee an ark of wood,

2 and I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou didst brake, and thou shalt put them in the ark.

3 And I made an ark *of* cedar wood and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in my hand.

4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten words which the LORD spoke unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them unto me.

5 And I turned and came down from the mount and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are, as the LORD commanded me.

6 (After this, the sons of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the sons of Jaakan to Mosera; there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar, his son, received the priesthood in his stead.

7 From there they journeyed unto Gudgodah and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

8 At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.

9 Therefore, Levi had no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD *is* his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God said unto him.)

10 And I stayed in the mount, like the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, *and* the LORD did not desire to destroy thee.

11 And the LORD said unto me, Arise, take *thy* journey before the people that they may enter in and inherit the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give unto them.

12 ¶ And now, Israel, what does the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways and to love him and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

13 to keep the commandments of the LORD and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

14 Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens *are of* the LORD thy God, the earth *also*, with all that *is* therein.

15 The LORD delighted only in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you from *among* all the peoples, as *it is* this day.

16 Circumcise, therefore, the foreskin of your heart, and no longer be stiffnecked.

17 For the LORD your God *is* God of gods and Lord of lords, a great God, mighty, and terrible, who makes no exception *of* persons, nor takes a bribe;

18 he executes the rights of the fatherless and the widow and also loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

19 Ye shall love, therefore, the stranger, for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave and swear by his name.

21 He *shall be* thy praise, and he *shall be* thy God, that has done with thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt with seventy souls, and now the LORD thy God has made thee as the stars of heaven in multitude.

Deuteronomy 11

1 ¶ Therefore, thou shalt love the LORD thy God and keep his charge and his statutes and his rights and his commandments, always.

2 And know ye this day; for *I speak* not with your children who have not known and who have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his outstretched arm,

3 and his miracles and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh, the king of Egypt and unto all his land,

4 and what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you and *how* the LORD has destroyed them unto this day,

5 and what he did with you in the wilderness until ye came into this place,

6 and what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up and their households and their tents and all the substance that *was* in their possession in the midst of all Israel;

7 but your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did.

8 ¶ Keep, therefore, all the commandments which I command you this day that ye may be strong and enter in and inherit the land, into which ye go to inherit it

9 and that ye may prolong *your* days in the land, which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that flows with milk and honey.

10 For the land, into which thou goest to inherit it, is not as the land of Egypt, from which ye came out, where thou didst sow thy seed and water *it* with thy foot, as a garden of herbs.

11 The land, into which ye go to inherit it, is a land of mountains and valleys *and* drinks water of the rain of heaven,

12 a land which the LORD thy God procures; the eyes of the LORD thy God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day: to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul

14 that I will give *you* the rain of your land in its due season, the early rain and the latter rain, and thou shalt gather in thy grain and thy wine and thine oil.

15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy beasts, and thou shalt eat and be full.

16 Keep yourselves, therefore, that your heart not be deceived and ye turn aside and serve other gods and worship them;

17 and *then* the LORD's wrath be kindled against you and he shut up the heavens, that there be no rain and that the land yield not her fruit, and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD gives you.

18 ¶ Therefore, ye shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul and bind them for a sign upon your hand that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 And ye shall teach them to your children that ye may think of them sitting in thy house and walking by the way, lying down in bed, and rising up.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house and upon thy gates

21 that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, upon the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens upon the earth.

22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, loving the LORD your God *and* walking in all his ways, to cleave unto him,

23 then the LORD will drive out all these Gentiles from before you, and ye shall possess nations greater and mightier than yourselves.

24 Every place upon which the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours, from the wilderness and Lebanon; from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the western sea shall be your border.

25 No one shall be able to stand before you; *for* the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread

upon, as he has said unto you.

26 ¶ Behold, I set before you this day the blessing and the curse:

27 The blessing if ye hear the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day,

28 and the curse if ye will not hear the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

29 And it shall come to pass when the LORD thy God has brought thee in unto the land where thou goest to inherit it that thou shalt put the blessing upon Mount Gerizim and the curse upon Mount Ebal,

30 which are on the other side of the Jordan, by the way of the west, in the land of the Canaanite, who dwells in the plain over against Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh.

31 For ye shall pass the Jordan to go in to inherit the land which the LORD your God gives you, and ye shall possess it and dwell therein.

32 Keep yourselves, therefore, to do all the statutes and rights which I set before you this day.

Deuteronomy 12

1 ¶ These *are* the statutes and rights which ye shall keep to do them in the land which the LORD God of thy fathers gives thee to inherit all the days that ye live upon the land.

2 Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, upon which the Gentiles, *of* whom ye shall inherit, served their gods, upon the high mountains and upon the hills and under every green tree;

3 and ye shall overthrow their altars and break their images and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the statues of their gods and destroy the names of them out of that place.

4 Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God.

5 ¶ But ye shall seek the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there for his habitation, and thou shalt go there.

6 And there ye shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices and your tithes and the offerings of your hand and your vows and your freewill *offerings* and the firstborn of your cows and of your sheep;

7 and there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye and your households shall rejoice in every work of your hands in which the LORD thy God has blessed thee.

8 Ye shall not do after all *the things* that we do here this day, each man doing what *seems* right in his own eyes,

9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God gives you.

10 But *when* ye pass the Jordan and dwell in the land which the LORD your God gives you to inherit and *when* he gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety,

11 then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; there shall ye bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the offerings of your hand and all your choice of vows which ye vow unto the LORD;

12 and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye and your sons and your daughters and your menslaves and your maidslaves and the Levite that is within your gates because he has no part nor inheritance with you.

13 Keep thyself that thou not offer thy burnt offerings in any place that thou seest

14 but in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes; there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

15 Notwithstanding, thou may kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, according to the desire of thy soul, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he has given thee; the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck and as of the hart.

16 Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

17 Thou may not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy grain or of thy wine or of thy oil or the firstborn of thy cows or of thy sheep nor any of thy vows which thou hast promised nor thy freewill *offerings* or the *heave* offerings of thy hands.

18 But thou must eat them before the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD thy God shall have chosen, thou and thy son and thy daughter and thy manslave and thy maidslave and the Levite that is within thy gates; and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God in all the work of thy hands.

19 Keep thyself that thou not forsake the Levite in all thy days upon thy land.

20 When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he has promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul desires to eat flesh, according to all the desire of thy soul thou shalt eat flesh.

21 When the place which the LORD thy God shall have chosen to put his name there is far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy cows and of thy sheep, which the LORD has given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates according to all thy soul desires.

22 Even as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them; the unclean and the clean shall eat *of* them alike.

23 Only be sure not to eat the blood; for the blood is the soul (*or the life*), and thou art not to eat the soul with its flesh.

24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water.

25 Thou shalt not eat it that it may go well with thee and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do *that which is* right in the sight of the LORD.

26 But the things which thou hast consecrated and thy vows, thou shalt take and go unto the place which the LORD shall have chosen,

27 and thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

28 Keep and hear all these words which I command thee that it may go well with thee and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest *that which is* good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.

29 When the LORD thy God shall have cut off the Gentiles from before thee, in the place where thou goest to inherit *of* them, and thou dost inherit *of* them and dost dwell in their land,

30 keep thyself from being snared by following them, after they are destroyed from before thee; enquire not after their gods, saying, After the manner that these Gentiles served their gods, even so will I do likewise.

31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God; for every abomination unto the LORD, which he hates, they have done unto their gods; for they have even burnt their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

32 Keep thyself, *and* do all that I command you; thou shalt not add to it nor diminish from it.

Deuteronomy 13

1 ¶ When there arises among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives thee a sign or a wonder,

2 and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them,

3 thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God proves you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him and keep his commandments and hear his voice, and ye shall serve him and cleave unto him.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death because he has spoken rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and ransomed you out of the house of slavery, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

6 ¶ If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son or thy daughter or the wife of thy bosom or thy friend who *is* as thine own soul should entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou nor thy fathers have known,

7 *namely*, of the gods of the peoples who *are* round about you, near unto thee or far off from thee, from the *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth,

8 thou shalt not consent with him nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him; neither shalt thou have compassion; neither shalt thou conceal him,

9 but thou must kill him; thy hand shall be first upon him to put him to death and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10 And thou must stone him with stones, and he shall die because he has sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt from the house of slavery;

11 so that all Israel shall hear and fear and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

12 ¶ If thou shalt hear in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God has given thee to dwell there, that it is said,

13 *certain* men, the sons of Belial, are gone out from among you and have incited the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known,

14 then shalt thou enquire and search and ask diligently; and, behold, *if it is the truth and the thing certain that* such abomination is wrought among you,

15 thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly with all that *is* therein and the beasts thereof, with the edge of the sword.

16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of its plaza and shalt burn the city with fire and all the spoil thereof, all of it, unto the LORD thy God; and it shall be a heap for ever; it shall never be built again.

17 And none of the anathema shall cleave to thine hand that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger and show thee mercy and have compassion upon thee and multiply thee, as he has sworn unto thy fathers,

18 when thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, keeping all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do *that which is* right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 14

1 ¶ Ye *are* the sons of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves nor make any baldness over your eyes for the dead.

2 For thou *art* a holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD has chosen thee to be a unique people unto himself from among all the peoples that *are* upon the face of the earth.

3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.

4 These *are* the animals which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,
5 the hart and the roebuck and the buffalo and the wild goat and the unicorn (*rhinoceros*) and the wild ox and the mountain goat,

6 and every animal that parts the hoof and cleaves the cleft into two claws *and* chews the cud among the beasts that ye shall eat.

7 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of those that chew the cud or of those that divide the cloven hoof: the camel and the hare and the coney, for they chew the cud, but do not divide the hoof; *therefore* they *are* unclean unto you;

8 and the swine, because it divides the hoof, yet does not chew the cud, it is unclean unto you. Ye shall not eat of their flesh nor touch their dead carcase.

9 These ye shall eat of all that *are* in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat,

10 but whatever does not have fins and scales ye may not eat; it *is* unclean unto you.

11 *Of* all clean birds ye shall eat.

12 But these *are they* of which ye shall not eat: the eagle and the ossifrage and the ospray

13 and the glade and the kite and the vulture after his kind

14 and every raven after his kind

15 and the owl and the night hawk and the cuckow and the hawk after his kind

16 the little owl and the great owl and the swan

17 and the pelican and the gier eagle and the cormorant

18 and the stork and the heron after her kind and the lapwing and the bat.

19 And every serpent that flies *shall be* unclean unto you; they shall not be eaten.

20 *But of* all clean fowls ye may eat.

21 Ye shall not eat *of* any thing that died of itself; thou shalt give it unto the stranger that *is* in thy gates that he may eat it, or thou may sell it unto an alien; for thou *art* a holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not cook a kid in his mother's milk.

22 ¶ Thou shalt without fail tithe all the increase of thy seed that *thy* field brings forth each year.

23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose for his name to dwell, the tithe of thy grain, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstborn of thy cows and of thy sheep, that thou may learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

24 And if the way is too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it, *or* if the place is *too* far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God has blessed thee,

25 then shalt thou sell *it* for money and bind up the money in thy hand and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose;

26 and thou shalt give that money for whatever thy soul desires, for cows or for sheep or for wine or for strong drink or for whatever thy soul desires; and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou and thine household.

27 And thou shalt not forsake the Levite that *dwells* within thy gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with thee.

28 At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year and shalt lay *it* up within thy gates.

29 And the Levite, who has no part nor inheritance with thee, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who *are* within thy gates, shall come and shall eat and be satisfied, that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hands which thou doest.

Deuteronomy 15

1 ¶ At the end of *every* seven years thou shalt make a release.

2 And this *is* the manner of the release: everyone who has lent anything to his neighbour, causing him to be in debt, shall release *it*; he shall not exact it any more of his neighbour or of his brother, because the release of the LORD is proclaimed.

3 Of the foreigner thou shalt demand that it be repaid; but *that* which thy brother has of thine thy hand shall release,

4 so that thus there shall be no poor among you, for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God gives thee *for* an inheritance to possess it;

5 only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep and to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.

6 For when the LORD thy God has blessed thee, as he promised thee, thou shalt lend unto many Gentiles, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt rule over many Gentiles, but they shall not rule over thee.

7 If there should be *among* you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy towns in thy land which the LORD thy God gives thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother,

8 but thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he lacks.

9 Keep thyself that there not be a thought of Belial in thy heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother to give him nothing; for he shall cry unto the LORD against thee, and it shall be a sin unto thee.

10 Thou shalt surely give unto him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him because for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works and in all that thou puttest thine hand to.

11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore, I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor and to thy needy, in thy land.

12 ¶ *And* if thy brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold unto thee and serves thee six years, then in the seventh year thou shalt send him forth from thee free.

13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not send him away empty.

14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock and out of thy threshing floor and out of thy winepress; *of that* with which the LORD thy God has blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God ransomed thee; therefore, I command thee this thing to day.

16 And it shall be, if he says unto thee, I will not go away from thee because he loves thee and thy house because he is well with thee,

17 then thou shalt take an aul and thrust *it* through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy slave for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.

18 It shall not seem hard unto thee when thou sendest him away free from thee, for he has served thee for half the cost of a hired servant for six years; and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

19 ¶ All the firstborn males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God; thou shalt do no work with the firstborn of thy bullock nor shear the firstborn of thy sheep.

20 Thou shalt eat *it* before the LORD thy God each year in the place which the LORD shall choose, thou and thy household.

21 And if there is *any* blemish in it, *if it is* lame or blind *or has* any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God.

22 Thou shalt eat it within thy gates; the unclean and the clean *person shall eat it* alike, as the roebuck and as the hart.

23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

Deuteronomy 16

1 ¶ Keep the month of the new fruit, {Heb. of Abib} and thou shalt do the passover unto the LORD thy God; for in the month of the new fruit the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

2 Thou shalt, therefore, sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the sheep and the cows, in the place which the LORD shall choose to cause his name to dwell therein.

3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; for thou didst come forth out of the land of Egypt in haste; that thou may remember the day when thou didst come forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

4 And there shall be no leavened bread seen in thee within all thy borders for seven days; neither shall *any* of the flesh which thou didst sacrifice the evening of the first day remain all night until the morning.

5 Thou may not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates (*or within any of thy towns*) which the LORD thy God gives thee

6 but at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to cause his name to dwell in; there thou shalt sacrifice the passover in the evening, at the going down of the sun, at the *appointed* time when thou came forth out of Egypt.

7 And thou shalt roast and eat *it* in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, and thou shalt turn in the morning and return unto thy tabernacles.

8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened *bread*, and on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God; thou shalt do no work *in this*.

9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee; begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as* thou shalt begin *to put* the sickle to the grain.

10 And thou shalt do the solemn feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God; out of the voluntary abundance of thy hand thou shalt give, according as the LORD thy God has blessed thee.

11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou and thy son and thy daughter and thy manslave and thy maids slave and the Levite that *is* within thy gates and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, that *are*

among you, in the place which the LORD thy God has chosen to place his name there.

12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a slave in Egypt; therefore thou shalt keep and do these statutes.

13 Thou shalt observe the solemn feast of the tabernacles seven days after thou hast gathered in *the harvest of* thy threshing floor and thy winepress.

14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy solemn feast, thou and thy son and thy daughter and thy manslave and thy maids slave and the Levite *and* the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, that *are* within thy gates (*or within thy towns*).

15 Seven days shalt thou celebrate a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose; because the LORD thy God shall have blessed thee in all thy fruits and in all the works of thine hands, therefore, thou shalt truly be glad.

16 Three times each year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose: in the solemn feast of unleavened bread and in the solemn feast of weeks and in the solemn feast of the tabernacles. And they shall not appear before the LORD empty,

17 Each man with the gift of his hand, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God, which he shall have given thee.

18 ¶ Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all *the gates of thy cities*, which the LORD thy God shall give thee throughout thy tribes, and they shall judge the people with just (and righteous) judgment.

19 Thou shalt not twist that *which is* right; thou shalt not respect persons neither take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.

20 Thou shalt follow justice *and* righteousness, that thou may live and inherit the land which the LORD thy God gives thee.

21 Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

22 Neither shalt thou set thee up *any* image, which the LORD thy God hates.

Deuteronomy 17

1 ¶ Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God *any* bullock or sheep in which there is a blemish *or* anything wrong, for that *is* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

2 If there is found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God gives thee, man or woman that has wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God in transgressing his covenant

3 and has gone and served other gods and worshipped them or the sun or *the* moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded,

4 and it is told unto thee and thou hast heard *of it* and enquired diligently, and, behold, *it is* true, *and* the thing certain *that* such abomination is wrought in Israel,

5 then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman who has committed that wicked thing unto thy gates, *even* that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones until they die.

6 At the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses shall he that is worthy of death be put to death, *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

8 ¶ If a matter arises that is too difficult for thee in judgment between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversy within thy gates, then thou shalt arise and go up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose,

9 and thou shalt come unto the priests, the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days and enquire, and they shall show thee the word of judgment.

10 And thou shalt do according to the word which those of that place which the LORD shall choose shall show thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they shall show thee.

11 According to the word of the law which they shall show thee and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do; thou

shalt not decline from the word which they shall show thee, *to* the right hand nor *to* the left.

12 And the man that will act presumptuously and will not hearken unto the priest that stands to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die; and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel.

13 And all the people shall hear and fear and no longer act presumptuously.

14 ¶ When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God gives thee and shalt inherit it and shalt dwell therein and shalt say, I will set a king over me like all the Gentiles that *are* round about me;

15 Thou shalt surely appoint as king over thee the one whom the LORD thy God shall choose; *one* from among thy brethren shalt thou set as king over thee; thou may not set a stranger over thee, who *is* not thy brother.

16 Only he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses; for the LORD has said unto you, Ye shall not procure to return any more to that way.

17 Neither shall he multiply wives unto himself, that his heart turn not away; neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver or gold.

18 And it shall be when he sits upon the throne of his kingdom that he shall cause a copy of this second law to be written in a book in the presence of the priests the Levites;

19 and it shall be near unto him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them,

20 that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren and that he turn not aside from the commandment, *to* the right hand or *to* the left, to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he and his sons, in the midst of Israel.

Deuteronomy 18

1 ¶ The priests the Levites *and* all the tribe of Levi shall have no part nor shall they inherit with Israel; they shall eat of the offerings on fire unto the LORD and of his inheritance.

2 Therefore, shall they have no inheritance among their brethren; the LORD *is* their inheritance, as he has said unto them.

3 And this shall be the right of the priest from the people, from those that offer a sacrifice, whether *it* be ox or sheep; they shall give unto the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the maw.

4 The firstfruits *also* of thy grain, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstfruits of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him;

5 for the LORD thy God has chosen him out of all thy tribes to stand to minister unto the name of the LORD, him and his sons all the days.

6 And when a Levite comes from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and comes with all the desire of his soul unto the place which the LORD shall choose,

7 then he shall minister unto the name of the LORD his God, as all his brethren the Levites *do* who stand there before the LORD.

8 They shall have like portions to eat besides that which comes of the sale of his patrimony.

9 ¶ When thou shalt have come into the land which the LORD thy God gives thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those Gentiles.

10 There shall not be found among you *any one* that makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire *or* that uses divination *or* an observer of times or an enchanter or a witch

11 or a charmer or a spiritist or a diviner or a necromancer.

12 For anyone that does these things *is* an abomination unto the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD thy God drove them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

14 For these Gentiles, whom thou shalt inherit, hearkened unto observers of times and unto diviners, but as for thee, the LORD thy God has not allowed thee *to do so*.

15 ¶ The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken,

16 according to all that thou didst desire of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, lest I die.

17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass *that* whoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

20 But the prophet which shall presume to speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to speak or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not follow nor come to pass, it is a word which the LORD has not spoken, *but* the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Deuteronomy 19

1 ¶ When the LORD thy God has cut off the Gentiles whose land the LORD thy God gives thee, and thou hast inherited them and dost dwell in their cities and in their houses,

2 thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God gives thee to inherit.

3 Thou shalt prepare thee a way and divide the borders of thy land, which the LORD thy God gives thee to inherit, into three parts, so that every manslayer may flee there.

4 And this *is* the case of the manslayer who is to flee there, that he may live: whoever kills his neighbour by mistake, whom he hated not in time past;

5 and he who went into the woods with his neighbour to cut firewood and his hand fetched a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree and the head slipped from the handle and lighted upon his neighbour so that he died, he shall flee unto one of those cities and live,

6 lest the avenger {Heb. redeemer} of the blood pursue the manslayer, while his heart is hot and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him, whereas he *was* not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.

7 Therefore, I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.

8 And if the LORD thy God enlarges thy borders, as he has sworn unto thy fathers, and gives thee all the land which he was to give unto thy fathers,

9 when thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day: to love the LORD thy God, and to walk all the days in his ways, then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, besides these three,

10 that innocent blood not be shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God gives thee *for* an inheritance, and *the* blood shall *not* be upon thee.

11 But when any man hates his neighbour and lies in wait for him and rises up against him and smites him mortally that he dies and flees into one of these cities,

12 then the elders of his city shall send and take him from there and deliver him into the hand of the avenger {Heb. redeemer} of blood, and he shall die.

13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel that it may go well with thee.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not reduce thy neighbour's border, which those of old time have marked in thine inheritance, which thou shalt possess in the land that the LORD thy God gives thee to inherit.

15 One witness shall not be valid against a man for any iniquity or for any sin, in any sin which he should commit. At the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

16 When a false witness rises up against any man to testify rebellion against him,

17 then both the men, between whom the controversy *is*, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, who shall be in those days;

18 and the judges shall make diligent inquisition; and, behold, *if* the witness *is* a false witness *and* has testified falsely against his brother,

19 then shall ye do unto him as he had thought to have done unto his brother; so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

20 And those who remain shall hear and fear and shall never again commit any such evil among you.

21 And thine eye shall not pity, *but* life *shall go* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Deuteronomy 20

1 ¶ When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies and seest horses and chariots *and* a people more than thou, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD thy God *is* with thee, who brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

2 And it shall be, when ye are come near unto the battle that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people

3 and shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies; let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them,

4 for the LORD your God *is* he that goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man *is there* that has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house lest peradventure he die in the battle and another man dedicate it.

6 And who has planted a vineyard and has not *yet* eaten of it? Let him *also* go and return unto his house lest peradventure he die in the battle and another man eat of it.

7 And what man *is there* that has betrothed a wife and has not taken her? Let him go and return unto his house lest peradventure he die in the battle and another man take her.

8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man *is there that is* fearful and a coward at heart? Let him go and return unto his house that he not cause his brethren's hearts to become as his heart.

9 And it shall be when the officers have finished speaking unto the people that the captains of the armies shall lead before the people.

10 ¶ When thou comest near to a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it.

11 And it shall be, if it makes thee an answer of peace and opens unto thee, *that* all the people *that are* found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee.

12 And if it will make no peace with thee but will make war against thee, and if thou should besiege it,

13 and if the LORD thy God should deliver it into thine hands, then thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword.

14 Only the women and the little ones and the animals and all that is in the city, all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat of the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God has given thee.

15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities *which are* very far off from thee, which *are* not of the cities of these Gentiles.

16 Only of the cities of these peoples, which the LORD thy God gives thee *for* an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breathes;

17 but thou shalt utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite and the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, as the LORD thy God has commanded thee,

18 that they not teach you to do after all their abominations, which they do unto their gods, lest ye should sin against the LORD your God.

19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an axe against them, for thou may eat of them; and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field *is* man's *life*) to employ *them* in the siege.

20 Only the trees which thou knowest that they *are* not trees for food, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that makes war with thee, until it is subdued.

Deuteronomy 21

- 1 ¶ When *one* is found dead in the land which the LORD thy God gives thee to inherit, lying in the field, *and* it is not known who has slain him,
- 2 then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which *are* round about him that is dead;
- 3 and it shall be *that* the elders of the city *which* is next unto the dead man shall take a heifer, which has not served, *and* which has not drawn in the yoke;
- 4 and the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which has neither been plowed nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley.
- 5 And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for the LORD thy God has chosen them to minister unto him and to bless in the name of the LORD; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be determined.
- 6 And all the elders of that closest city next to the dead *man* shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley.
- 7 And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen *it*.
- 8 Reconcile thy people Israel, whom thou hast ransomed, O LORD, and impute not the innocent blood shed in the midst of thy people Israel. And the blood shall be forgiven them.
- 9 So shalt thou put away the *guilt of* innocent blood from among you, when thou shalt do *that which* is right in the sight of the LORD.
- 10 ¶ When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the LORD thy God has delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive,
- 11 and seest among the captives a beautiful woman and hast a desire unto her that thou would have her to thy wife,
- 12 then thou shalt bring her home to thine house, and she shall shave her head and pare her nails,
- 13 and she shall put off the clothing of her captivity and shall remain in thine house and bewail her father and her mother a full month, and after that

thou shalt go in unto her and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.

14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go free, but thou shalt not sell her at all for money; thou shalt not make merchandise of her because thou hast humbled her.

15 ¶ When a man has two wives, one beloved and the other hated, and they have born him sons, *both* the beloved and the hated; and *if* the firstborn son is of the one that was hated,

16 then it shall be, when he makes his sons to inherit *that* which he has, *that* he may not give the right of the firstborn unto the son of the beloved in preference over the son of the hated, *who is indeed* the firstborn;

17 but he shall acknowledge the son of the hated *as* the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has; for he *is* the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn *is* his.

18 ¶ When anyone has a stubborn and rebellious son, who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother and when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them,

19 then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him and bring him out unto the elders of his city and unto the gate of his place;

20 and they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious; he will not hear our voice; *he is* a glutton and a drunkard.

21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, and he shall die; so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear and fear.

22 And when a man shall have committed a sin worthy of death, and he is to be put to death, and thou shall have hung him on a tree,

23 his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt without fail bury him that same day (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God) that thy land not be defiled, which the LORD thy God gives thee *for* an inheritance.

Deuteronomy 22

1 ¶ Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray and hide thyself from them; thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

2 And even if thy brother *is* not kin unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seeks after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass, and so shalt thou do with his clothing; and with any lost thing of thy brother's, which he has lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise; thou may not draw back from this.

4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fallen down by the way and hide thyself from them; thou shalt surely help him to lift *them* up again.

5 ¶ The woman shall not wear that which pertains unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

6 If a bird's nest is encountered before thee in the way in any tree or on the ground, *with* young ones or eggs, and the mother sitting upon the young or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the mother with the young.

7 *But* thou shalt let the mother go and take the young for thyself, that it may be well with thee and *that* thou may prolong *thy* days.

8 When thou shall build a new house, then thou shalt make a parapet for thy roof that thou not bring blood upon thine house if anyone should fall from there.

9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with mixture lest the fullness of thy seed which thou hast sown and the fruit of thy vineyard be defiled.

10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

11 Thou shalt not wear a garment of mixture, *as* of woolen and linen together.

12 Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy covering with which thou dost cover *thyself*.

13 ¶ When any man takes a wife and after having gone in unto her, hates her

14 and gives occasions of speech against her and brings up an evil name upon her and says, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her

not a virgin,

15 then shall the father of the damsel and her mother take and bring forth *the tokens of* the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate.

16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hates her;

17 and, behold, he has given occasions of speech *against her*, saying, I found not thy daughter a virgin; and yet these *are the tokens of* my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 Then the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him;

19 and they shall fine him one hundred *shekels* of silver and give *them* unto the father of the damsel because he has brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel; and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing is true *and the tokens of* virginity are not found for the damsel,

21 then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones, and she shall die because she has wrought folly in Israel, to fornicate in her father's house; so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

22 If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, *both* the man that lay with the woman and the woman; so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

23 When a damsel *that* is a virgin is betrothed unto a husband and a man finds her in the city and lies with her,

24 then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones, and they shall die; the damsel because she did not cry out, *being* in the city, and the man because he has humbled his neighbour's wife; so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

25 But if the man found a betrothed damsel in the field and the man forced her and lay with her; then only the man that lay with her shall die;

26 but unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; *there is* in the damsel no sin *worthy* of death; for as when a man rises against his neighbour and murders him, even so *is* this matter.

27 For he found her in the field *and* the betrothed damsel cried out, and *there was* no one to save her.

28 When a man finds a damsel *that is* a virgin who is not betrothed and lays hold on her and lies with her, and they are found,

29 then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty *shekels* of silver and she shall be his wife; because he has humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

30 A man shall not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's skirt.

Deuteronomy 23

- 1 ¶ He that is wounded in the stones or is castrated shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.
- 2 A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.
- 3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever,
- 4 because they did not meet you with bread and with water in the way when ye came forth out of Egypt and because they hired against thee Balaam, the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.
- 5 Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam, but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee because the LORD thy God loved thee.
- 6 Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.
- 7 Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite, for he *is* thy brother; thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian because thou wast a stranger in his land.
- 8 The sons that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD in their third generation.
- 9 ¶ When the host goes forth against thine enemies, then keep thyself from every evil thing.
- 10 When there is among you any man that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that chanceth by night, then he shall go abroad out of the camp; he shall not come within the camp.
- 11 And it shall be when evening comes, he shall wash *himself* with water, and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp *again*.
- 12 Thou shalt have a place also outside the camp where thou shalt go forth abroad;
- 13 and thou shalt have a stake among thy weapons; and it shall be when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig with it and shalt turn back and cover thy excrement;

14 for the LORD thy God walks in the midst of thy camp to deliver thee and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore, shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee and turn away from thee.

15 ¶ Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the slave who is escaped from his master unto thee.

16 He shall dwell with thee, *even* among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates where he likes it best; thou shalt not oppress him.

17 There shall be no female cult prostitutes of the daughters of Israel nor any male cult prostitutes of the sons of Israel.

18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, {a male cult prostitute} into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow; for even both these *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

19 Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother, usury of money, usury of food, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury.

20 Unto a stranger thou may lend upon usury, but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hands upon the land which thou doest enter in to inherit.

21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not delay to pay it; for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall not be sin in thee.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform, that which thou hast promised unto the LORD thy God, that which thou hast spoken of thy free will with thy mouth.

24 When thou comest into thy neighbour's vineyard, then thou may eat grapes, thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put *any* in thy vessel.

25 When thou comest into the standing grain of thy neighbour, then thou may pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing grain.

Deuteronomy 24

1 ¶ When a man has taken a wife and married her, and it comes to pass that she finds no favour in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her; then let him write her a bill of divorce and give *it* in her hand and send her out of his house.

2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's *wife*.

3 And *if* the latter husband hates her and writes her a bill of divorce and gives *it* in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband who took her *to be* his wife dies,

4 her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she is defiled, for that *is* abomination before the LORD; and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God gives thee *for* an inheritance.

5 ¶ When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business; *but* he shall be free at home one year and shall cheer up his wife whom he has taken.

6 No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone for a pledge, for he takes *a man's* life to pledge.

7 When a man is found stealing any of his brethren of the sons of Israel and making merchandise of him or selling him, then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

8 Keep yourselves from the plague of leprosy that thou observe diligently and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you; as I commanded them, so ye shall take care to do.

9 Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam by the way after ye were come forth out of Egypt.

10 When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to take his pledge.

11 Thou shalt stand outside, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring the pledge out unto thee.

12 And if the man *is* poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge.

13 Without fail thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goes down that he may sleep in his own clothing and bless thee, and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not do violence unto a hired servant *that* is poor and needy, *whether he is* of thy brethren or of thy strangers that *are* in thy land within thy gates.

15 In his day thou shalt give *him* his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he *is* poor and with it sustains his life, lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers; each one shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 Thou shalt not twist the rights of the stranger *nor* of the fatherless nor take a widow's clothing for a pledge,

18 but thou shalt remember that thou wast a slave in Egypt, and the LORD thy God ransomed thee from there; therefore, I command thee to do this thing.

19 When thou doest reap thy harvest in thy field and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to bring it; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, or for the widow, that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

20 When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean *it* afterward; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore, I command thee to do this thing.

Deuteronomy 25

1 ¶ If there is a controversy between persons and they come unto judgment and they are judged, then they shall justify the righteous and condemn the wicked.

2 And it shall be if the wicked man *is* worthy to be beaten the judge shall cause him to lie down and to be beaten in his presence, according to his fault, by a certain number.

3 Forty stripes he may give him *and* not exceed lest *if* he should exceed and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should be despised before thee.

4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treads out *the grain*.

5 ¶ When brethren dwell together and one of them dies and has no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry outside unto a stranger; her husband's brother shall go in unto her and take her to him to wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her.

6 And it shall be *that* the firstborn which she bears shall be raised up in the name of his brother *who* is dead that his name be not blotted out of Israel.

7 And if the man does not desire to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders and say, My husband's brother refuses to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.

8 Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak unto him, and *if* he stands and says, I desire not to take her;

9 then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders and loose his shoe from off his foot and spit in his face and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that is barefoot.

11 When men strive together one with another and the wife of the one draws near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smites him and puts forth her hand and takes him by his secret parts;

12 then thou shalt cut off her hand; thine eye shall not pity *her*.

13 ¶ Thou shalt not have in thy bag different weights, a great and a small.

14 Thou shalt not have in thy house different measures, a great and a small.

15 *But* thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have, that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God gives thee.

16 For all that do such things *and* all that do unrighteously *are* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

17 Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way when ye were come forth out of Egypt,

18 how he met thee by the way and smote the hindmost of thee, *even* all *that were* feeble behind thee, when thou *wast* faint and weary and he did not fear God.

19 Therefore it shall be when the LORD thy God has given thee rest from all thine enemies round about in the land which the LORD thy God gives thee *for* an inheritance to possess it *that* thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget *it*.

Deuteronomy 26

1 ¶ And it shall be when thou *art* come in unto the land, which the LORD thy God gives thee *for* an inheritance and possess it and dwell therein,

2 thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God gives thee, and shalt put *it* in a basket and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to cause his name to dwell.

3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days and say unto him, I declare today unto the LORD thy God that I have entered into the land which the LORD swore unto our fathers to give us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

5 Then thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, My father, the Syrian, perishing *of hunger* went down into Egypt and sojourned there with a few and became there a nation, great, mighty, and many;

6 and the Egyptians mistreated us and afflicted us and laid upon us hard bondage.

7 And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labour and our oppression.

8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with great terribleness and with signs and with wonders;

9 and he has brought us into this place and has given us this land, *even* a land that flows with milk and honey.

10 And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God and worship before the LORD thy God.

11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good *thing* which the LORD thy God has given unto thee and unto thine house, thou and the Levite and the stranger that *is* among you.

12 ¶ When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thy fruits the third year, *which is* the year of tithing and hast given *it* unto the Levite, the

stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates and be filled;

13 then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought the consecrated things out of *my* house and also have given them unto the Levite and unto the stranger to the fatherless and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me; I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten *them*.

14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken out *any* of it *being* unclean, nor have I given *any* of it for the dead; *but* I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

15 Look down from the habitation of thy holiness, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel and the land which thou hast given us, as thou didst swear unto our fathers, a land that flows with milk and honey.

16 ¶ Today the LORD thy God has commanded thee to comply with these statutes and rights; take care, therefore, to keep and do them with all thine heart and with all thy soul.

17 Thou hast lifted up the LORD today to be thy God and to walk in his ways and to keep his statutes and his commandments and his rights and to hearken unto his voice.

18 And the LORD has lifted thee up this day to be his unique people, as he has promised thee, and that *thou* should keep all his commandments,

19 and to make thee high above all the Gentiles which he has made, in praise, and in fame, and in glory; and that thou may be a holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he has spoken.

Deuteronomy 27

- 1 ¶ And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.
- 2 And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass the Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God gives thee that thou shalt set thee up great stones and plaster them with plaster;
- 3 And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law when thou has passed to enter in unto the land which the LORD thy God gives thee, a land that flows with milk and honey, as the LORD God of thy fathers has said unto thee.
- 4 Therefore, it shall be when ye have passed the Jordan, *that* ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in Mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaster them with plaster.
- 5 And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones; thou shalt not lift up *any* iron *tool* upon them.
- 6 Thou shalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones, and thou shalt offer burnt offerings upon it unto the LORD thy God;
- 7 and thou shalt offer peace offerings and shalt eat there and rejoice before the LORD thy God.
- 8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.
- 9 And Moses with the priests the Levites spoke unto all Israel, saying, Take heed and hearken, O Israel; today thou art become the people of the LORD thy God.
- 10 Thou shalt, therefore, hear the voice of the LORD thy God and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.
- 11 ¶ And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,
- 12 These shall stand upon Mount Gerizim to bless the people when ye have passed the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.
- 13 And these shall stand upon Mount Ebal to pronounce the curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.
- 14 And the Levites shall speak and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice:

15 Cursed *is* the man that makes *any* graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and puts *it* in a secret *place*. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

16 Cursed *is* he that dishonours his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

17 Cursed *is* he that reduces his neighbour's border. And all the people shall say, Amen.

18 Cursed *is* he that makes the blind to err in the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.

19 Cursed *is* he that twists the rights of the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

20 Cursed *is* he that lies with his father's wife because he uncovers his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.

21 Cursed *is* he that lies with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen.

22 Cursed *is* he that lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

23 Cursed *is* he that lies with his mother-in-law. And all the people shall say, Amen.

24 Cursed *is* he that smites his neighbour secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen.

25 Cursed *is* he that takes a bribe to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.

26 Cursed *is* he that does not confirm *all* the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deuteronomy 28

1 ¶ And it shall come to pass if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God to keep *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all the Gentiles of the earth;

2 and all these blessings shall come upon thee and overtake thee when thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

3 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

4 Blessed *shall* be the fruit of thy body and the fruit of thy ground and the fruit of thy beasts, the increase of thy cows, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

6 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face; they shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways.

8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God gives thee.

9 The LORD shall confirm thee as his holy people, as he has sworn unto thee, when thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of thee.

11 And the LORD shall cause thee to have good in abundance in the fruit of thy body and in the fruit of thy beasts and in the fruit of thy ground, upon the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven, to give the rain unto thy land in its season and to bless all the work of thine hand. And thou shalt lend unto many Gentiles, and thou shalt not borrow.

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail, and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath, when thou shalt hearken unto

the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to keep them and to fulfil *them*.

14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day *to* the right hand or *to* the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 ¶ And it shall come to pass if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep, to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee today, that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee.

16 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

17 Cursed *shall* be thy basket and thy store.

18 Cursed *shall* be the fruit of thy body and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy cows and the flocks of thy sheep.

19 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, destruction and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand to do, until thou art destroyed and perish quickly because of the wickedness of thy doings, by which thou hast forsaken me.

21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee until he has consumed thee from off the land into which thou dost enter to inherit it.

22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption and with a fever and with an inflammation and with an extreme burning and with the sword and with blight and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

23 And thy heavens which *are* over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee *shall be* iron.

24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land dust and ashes; from the heavens it shall come down upon thee, until thou art destroyed.

25 The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies; thou shalt go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them and shalt be an object of trembling unto all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 And thy carcase shall be food unto all fowls of the air and unto the beasts of the earth, and *there shall be* no one to frighten *them* away.

27 The LORD will smite thee with the boil of Egypt and with the hemorrhoids and with the scab and with the itch, of which thou canst not be healed.

28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness and blindness and astonishment of heart.

29 And thou shalt grope at noonday as the blind grope in the darkness, and thou shalt not be prospered in thy ways; and thou shalt only be oppressed and spoiled all the days, and *there shall be* no one to save *thee*.

30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her; thou shalt build a house, and thou shalt not dwell therein; thou shalt plant a vineyard and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.

31 Thine ox *shall be* slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof; thine ass *shall be* violently taken away from before thy face and shall not be restored to thee; thy sheep *shall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have no one to rescue *them*.

32 Thy sons and thy daughters *shall be* given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look and fail *with longing* for them all the day long; and *there shall be* no strength in thine hand.

33 The fruit of thy land and all thy labours shall a people which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt only be oppressed and crushed all the days.

34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

35 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees and in the legs with an evil boil that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

36 The LORD shall bring thee and thy king which thou shalt set over thee unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, and there shalt thou serve other gods, *even* wood and stone.

37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD shall carry thee away.

38 Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field and shalt gather *but* little in, for the locust shall consume it.

39 Thou shalt plant vineyards and dress *them*, but shalt neither drink *of* the wine nor gather *the grapes*, for the worms shall eat them.

40 Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy borders, but thou shalt not anoint *thyself* with the oil; for thine olive shall fall.

41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

43 The stranger that *is* in the midst of thee shall get up above thee very high, and thou shalt come down very low.

44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him; he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

45 ¶ Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee and shall pursue thee and overtake thee until thou art destroyed because thou shalt not have attended unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee;

46 and they shall be in thee for a sign and for a wonder, and in thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou didst not serve the LORD thy God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all *things*;

48 therefore, thou shalt serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger and in thirst and in nakedness and in lack of all *things*; and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck until he has destroyed thee.

49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from afar, from the end of the earth, *as swift* as the eagle flies, a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand,

50 a nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old nor show favour to the young;

51 and he shall eat the fruit of thy beast and the fruit of thy land until thou art destroyed, which *also* shall not leave thee *either* grain, wine, or oil, *or* the increase of thy cows or flocks of thy sheep until he has destroyed thee.

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates until thy high and fenced walls come down, in which thou dost trust, throughout all thy land; and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God has given thee.

53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God has given thee, in the siege and in the straitness with which thine enemies shall distress thee.

54 The man *that* is tender among you and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother and toward the wife of his bosom and toward the

remnant of his children which he shall leave,

55 so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat, because he shall have nothing left him in the siege and in the straitness with which thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

56 The tender and delicate woman among you who would not venture to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom and toward her son and toward her daughter

57 and toward her young one that comes out from between her feet and toward her children which she shall bear, for she shall eat them for want of all *things* secretly in the siege and straitness with which thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates,

58 if thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book that thou may fear this glorious and fearful name; I AM thy God.

59 Then the LORD will augment thy plagues wonderfully, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues and of long continuance, and evil sicknesses and of long continuance.

60 Moreover, he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of, and they shall cleave unto thee.

61 Also every sickness and every plague, which *is* not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring upon thee until thou art destroyed.

62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude, because thou would not hear the voice of the LORD thy God.

63 And it shall come to pass *that* as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to cause you to perish and to destroy you; and ye shall be plucked from off the land into which thou dost enter in to inherit it.

64 And the LORD shall scatter thee among all the peoples from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and stone.

65 Neither shalt thou find rest among these Gentiles, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest; but there the LORD shall give thee a trembling heart and failing of eyes and sorrow of soul;

66 and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night and shalt have no assurance of thy life.

67 In the morning thou shalt say, I wish it were evening, and in the evening thou shalt say, I wish it were morning! For the fear of thine heart with which thou shalt fear and for that which thine eyes shall see.

68 And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again in ships by the way of which I spoke unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again; and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for menslaves and womenslaves, and there shall be no one to buy *you*.

Deuteronomy 29

1 ¶ These *are* the words of the covenant, which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

2 Moses, therefore, called unto all Israel and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh and unto all his slaves and unto all his land,

3 the great trials which thine eyes have seen, the signs and those great miracles.

4 Yet the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear until today.

5 And I have brought you forty years through the wilderness; your clothes are not waxed old upon you, and neither has thy shoe waxed old upon thy foot.

6 Ye have never eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink that ye might know that I *am* the LORD your God.

7 And when ye came unto this place, Sihon, the king of Heshbon, and Og, the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them;

8 and we took their land and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites and to the half tribe of Manasseh.

9 Thou shalt keep, therefore, the words of this covenant and do them that ye may understand all that ye do.

10 ¶ Ye stand today, all of you, before the LORD your God, your princes of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *with* all the men of Israel,

11 your little ones, your wives, and thy strangers that dwell within thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water,

12 that thou may enter into covenant with the LORD thy God and into his oath, which the LORD thy God makes with thee today,

13 to confirm thee today as his people and *that* he may be unto thee as God, as he has said unto thee, and as he has sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath,

15 but with those that stand here with us today before the LORD our God and also with those that are not here with us today.

16 For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the Gentiles which ye passed by;

17 and ye have seen their abominations and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *they have* among them.

18 Peradventure there shall be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God to go *and* serve the gods of those Gentiles; peradventure there shall be among you a root that bears poison and wormwood;

19 and it shall be, when that one hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of my heart, to add drunkenness to thirst.

20 The LORD will not forgive him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.

21 And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law.

22 So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD has laid upon it,

23 *and that* the whole land thereof *is* brimstone and salt *and* burning, *that* it is not sown, nor shall it produce *anything*, nor shall any grass grow therein, like in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger and in his wrath;

24 even all Gentiles shall say, Why has the LORD done thus unto this land? What *means* the heat of this great anger?

25 Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt;

26 for they went and served other gods and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not and who had not given anything unto them.

27 Therefore, the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book.

28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger and in wrath and in great indignation and cast them into another land, as *it is* today.

29 The hidden things of the LORD our God are uncovered unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 30

1 ¶ And it shall come to pass when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse which I have set before thee, and thou shalt return unto thy heart *among* all the Gentiles, where the LORD thy God shall have driven thee,

2 and shalt convert unto the LORD thy God and shalt hear his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart and with all thy soul,

3 then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity and have mercy upon thee and will return and gather thee from all the peoples where the LORD thy God has scattered thee.

4 If thou hast been driven out unto the outmost *parts* of the heavens, from there will the LORD thy God gather thee and from there will he take thee;

5 and the LORD thy God will return thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt inherit it; and he will do thee good and multiply thee more than thy fathers.

6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul, that thou may live.

7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies and on those that hate thee, who persecuted thee.

8 And thou shalt return and thou shalt hear the voice of the LORD and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

9 And the LORD thy God will make thee abound in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body and in the fruit of thy beasts and in the fruit of thy land, for good; for the LORD will turn to rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers,

10 when thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, when thou shalt turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul.

11 ¶ For this commandment which I command thee today is not hidden unto thee, neither *is* it far off.

12 It *is* not in heaven, that thou should say, Who shall go up for us to heaven and take it for us and recite it unto us, that we may fulfil it?

13 Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that thou should say, Who shall go over the sea for us and take it for us and recite it unto us, that we may fulfil it?

14 But the word *is* very near unto thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart that thou may fulfil it.

15 ¶ See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

16 for I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his rights, that thou may live and be multiplied; and may the LORD thy God bless thee in the land into which thou dost enter to inherit it.

17 But if thine heart turns away so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away and worship other gods and serve them,

18 I declare unto you this day that ye shall surely perish *and that* ye shall not prolong *your* days upon the land, to go unto which thou passest the Jordan to inherit it.

19 I call the heavens and the earth to witness today against you *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life that both thou and thy seed may live,

20 that thou may love the LORD thy God *and* that thou may hear his voice and that thou may cleave unto him; for he *is* thy life and the length of thy days that thou may dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham to Isaac and to Jacob, to give them.

Deuteronomy 31

- 1 ¶ And Moses went and spoke these words unto all Israel,
2 and he said unto them, I *am* one hundred and twenty years old today; I can no longer go out and come in; also the LORD has said unto me, Thou shalt not pass this Jordan.
- 3 The LORD thy God, he will pass in front of thee, *and* he will destroy these Gentiles from before thee, and thou shalt inherit them; Joshua shall be the one who shall pass before thee, as the LORD has said.
- 4 And the LORD shall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them whom he destroyed.
- 5 And the LORD shall give them up before your face that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments which I have commanded you.
- 6 Be strong and of a good courage; fear not, nor be afraid of them, for the LORD thy God is he that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee nor forsake thee.
- 7 And Moses called unto Joshua and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage, for thou shalt enter in with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn unto their fathers to give them, and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.
- 8 And the LORD is he that doth go before thee; he will be with thee; he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee; fear not, neither be dismayed.
- 9 ¶ And Moses wrote this law and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel.
- 10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the beginning of the seventh year, in the appointed time of the year of release, in the feast of the tabernacles,
11 when all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.
- 12 Gather the people together, men and women and children and thy strangers that *are* within thy gates, that they may hear and that they may

learn and fear the LORD your God and observe to do all the words of this law,

13 and *that* their children, who have not known *any thing*, may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God all the days that ye live in the land unto which ye are to pass the Jordan to inherit it.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days are fulfilled that thou must die; call Joshua and wait in the tabernacle of the testimony that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went and waited in the tabernacle of the testimony.

15 And the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in the pillar of cloud, and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, and this people shall rise up and fornicate after the gods of the strangers of the land where they go *when they shall be* among them and will forsake me and break my covenant which I have made with them.

17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that same day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?

18 But I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

19 Now therefore write ye this song for you and teach it to the sons of Israel; put it in their mouths that this song may be a witness for me against the sons of Israel.

20 For I shall bring them into the land which I swore unto their fathers, that flows with milk and honey, and they shall eat and fill themselves and wax fat; then they will turn unto other gods and serve them and provoke me and break my covenant.

21 And it shall come to pass when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall reply to them in their face as a witness, for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed; for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swore.

22 ¶ Moses therefore wrote this song the same day and taught it to the sons of Israel.

23 And he gave Joshua, the son of Nun, a charge and said, Be strong and of a good courage for thou shalt bring the sons of Israel into the land which I swore unto them, and I will be with thee.

24 And it came to pass when Moses had finished writing the words of this law in the book until they were finished,

25 that Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

26 Take this book of the law and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God that it may be there for a witness against thee.

27 For I know thy rebellion and thy stiff neck; behold, while I am yet alive with you today, ye are rebels against the LORD, and how much more after my death?

28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, and I shall speak these words in their ears and call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against them.

29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt *yourselves* and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days because ye will have done evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

30 Then Moses spoke in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song until they were ended.

Deuteronomy 32

1 ¶ Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb and as the showers upon the grass.

3 Because I will invoke the name of the LORD, ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 The strong One, whose work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* right; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and upright *is* he.

5 They have corrupted themselves, their spot is that they are not his sons; *they are* a perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do ye thus repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? *Is* he not thy father *that* has possessed thee? He made thee and established thee.

7 ¶ Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee;

8 when the most High caused the Gentiles to be inherited, when he separated the sons of men, he set the bounds of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.

9 For the LORD's portion *is* his people; Jacob *is* the measuring line of his inheritance.

10 He found him in a desert land and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle stirs up her nest, flutters over her young, spreads abroad her wings, takes them, bears them on her wings,

12 so the LORD alone did lead him, and *there was* no strange god with him.

13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth that he might eat the fruits of the field; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock and oil out of the strong flint,

14 butter of cows and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs and rams of the sons of Bashan (*or fruitfulness*) and goats with the fat of kidneys, of wheat; and thou didst drink the blood of the grape, *pure* wine.

15 ¶ But Jeshurun (*the upright one*) waxed fat and kicked; (thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou hast covered thyself) and forsook the God *who* made him and lightly esteemed the strong One of his saving health.

16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange *gods*; with abominations they provoked him to anger.

17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God, to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods that* came from nearby, whom your fathers feared not.

18 Of the strong One *that* begat thee thou art unmindful and hast forgotten the God that travailed for thee.

19 ¶ And when the LORD saw *it*, his wrath was *kindled because of* his sons and of his daughters.

20 And he said, I will hide my face from them; I will see what their end *shall be*: that they *are* a generation of perversities, sons without faith.

21 They have moved me to jealousy with *that which* is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities; and I also will move them to jealousy with *those who are* not a people; I will provoke them to anger with foolish Gentiles.

22 For fire shall be kindled in my anger and shall burn unto the lowest *part of* Sheol and shall consume the earth with her fruit and burn up the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will heap evils upon them; I will spend my arrows upon them.

24 *They shall be* consumed with hunger and devoured with burning heat and with bitter destruction; I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.

25 The sword without and terror within shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling *also* with the man of gray hairs.

26 ¶ I said I would shatter them in pieces: I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men,

27 if I did not fear the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should become vain *and* lest they should say, Our high hand has done this and not the LORD.

28 For they *are* a Gentile void of counsel, neither *is there any* intelligence in them.

29 O that they were wise, *if* they were prudent, they would understand their latter end!

30 How could one chase a thousand and two put ten thousands to flight if their strong One had not sold them, and the LORD had not delivered them up?

31 For their strong one *is* not as our strong One, and *even* our enemies are judges *of this*.

32 Therefore, their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their clusters *are* very bitter.

33 Their wine *is* the poison of dragons and the cruel venom of asps.

34 Do I not have this laid up in store, sealed up in my treasuries?

35 Vengeance and recompense are mine, in the time when their foot shall slide; for the day of their calamity *is* at hand and that which is determined upon them makes haste.

36 For the LORD shall judge his people and repent himself for his slaves when he sees that *their* power is gone, and *there is* none shut up or left.

37 And he shall say, Where *are* their gods, *their* strong one in whom they trusted,

38 who ate the fat of their sacrifices *and* drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you, *and* be your protection.

39 ¶ See now that I, I *am* he, and *there are* no gods with me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; and there is not one that can deliver out of my hand.

40 When I shall lift up my hand to the heavens and shall say, I live for ever,

41 if I whet the resplendence of my sword and my hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to my enemies and will recompense those that hate me.

42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood and my sword shall devour flesh, in the blood of the slain and of the captives of the heads, in revenge as an enemy.

43 Rejoice, O ye Gentiles, *with* his people, for he will avenge the blood of his slaves and will render vengeance to his enemies and will reconcile his land, to his people.

44 ¶ And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hosea, the son of Nun.

45 And Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel;

46 and he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I protest against you today, to command them unto your children and keep and fulfil all the words of this law.

47 For it *is* not a vain thing for you because it *is* your life; and through this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land, which ye shall pass the Jordan to inherit.

48 And the LORD spoke unto Moses that same day, saying,

49 Climb up into this mountain Abarim, *unto* Mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* over against Jericho, and behold the land of Canaan, which I give as inheritance unto the sons of Israel,

50 and die in the mountain which thou shalt climb and be gathered unto thy peoples, as Aaron thy brother died in Mount Hor and was gathered unto his peoples,

51 because ye trespassed against me among the sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, because ye did not sanctify me in the midst of the sons of Israel.

52 Yet thou shalt see the land before *thee*, but thou shalt not enter there to the land which I give the sons of Israel.

Deuteronomy 33

1 ¶ And this *is* the blessing, with which Moses the man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death.

2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from Mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of holiness, at his right hand the law of fire for them.

3 Yea, he loved the peoples; all his saints *are* in thy hand; they also united at thy feet; they received thy words.

4 Moses commanded us law as inheritance unto the congregation of Jacob.

5 And he was king in Jeshurun when the heads of the people, the tribes of Israel, were gathered together as one.

6 ¶ Let Reuben live and not die, and let *not* his men be few.

7 And this *blessing is* for Judah, and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people; let his hands be sufficient for him, and be thou a help *to him* from his enemies.

8 ¶ And to Levi he said, *Let* thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah *and with* whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah,

9 who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen them; neither did he acknowledge his brethren nor know his own children; therefore, they shall keep thy word and guard thy covenant.

10 They shall teach Jacob thy judgments and Israel thy law; they shall put incense before thy nostrils and a perfect *sacrifice* upon thine altar.

11 Bless, O LORD, his ministry, {Heb. men of valour} and take pleasure in the work of his hands; smite through the loins of those that rise up against him and of those that hate him that they may never rise again.

12 ¶ And to Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; *and the LORD* shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

13 And to Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD *is* his land, for the gifts of the heavens, for the dew, and for the deep that is stretched out beneath,

14 and for the gifts of the fruits of the sun and for the gifts of the influence of the moon,

15 and for the summit of the ancient mountains and for the gifts of the everlasting hills,

16 and for the gifts of the earth and fullness thereof, and may the grace of him that dwelt in the bush come upon the head of Joseph and upon the top of the head of him *that was* separated from his brethren.

17 His beauty *is like* the firstborn of his bullock, and his horns *are like* the horns of unicorns; with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth; these *are* the ten thousands of Ephraim, and these *are* the thousands of Manasseh.

18 ¶ And to Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; and thou, Issachar, in thy tents.

19 They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; therefore they shall suck the abundance of the seas and hidden treasures of the sand.

20 And to Gad he said, Blessed *is* he that caused Gad to be enlarged; he shall dwell as a lion and shall tear the arm with the crown of the head.

21 And he saw the best for himself because there the portion of the lawgiver was enclosed; and he came at the head of the people; he shall execute the righteousness of the LORD and his judgments with Israel.

22 ¶ And to Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp; he shall leap from Bashan.

23 And to Naphtali he said, Naphtali, filled with grace and full of the blessing of the LORD, shall inherit the west and the Negev.

24 And to Asher he said, Asher, more blessed than the sons, shall be acceptable unto his brethren and shall dip his foot in oil.

25 Thy locks *shall be* iron and brass; and as thy days, *so shall* thy strength *be*.

26 ¶ *There is no other* like unto the God of Jeshurun, *who* rides upon the heavens for thy help, in the clouds with his excellency.

27 The habitation of God is eternal, and underneath the everlasting arms; he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee and shall say, Destroy *them*.

28 Then Israel, the fountain of Jacob, shall dwell in safety alone in a land of grain and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

29 Blessed *art* thou, O Israel, who *is* like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help and the sword of thy excellency? Thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee, and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

Deuteronomy 34

1 ¶ And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo to the top of Pisgah, that *is* over against Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

2 and all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea,

3 and the Negev and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, This *is* the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed. I have caused thee to see *it* with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over there.

5 ¶ So Moses, the slave of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor, but no one knows of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 And Moses *was* one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

8 And the sons of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; so the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were fulfilled.

9 ¶ And Joshua, the son of Nun, was full of the Spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him; and the sons of Israel hearkened unto him and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 And there never arose a prophet since in Israel like Moses, who had known the LORD face to face,

11 in all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and to all his slaves and to all his land,

12 and in all that mighty hand and in all the great terror which Moses showed in the sight of all Israel.

The Book of
Joshua

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Joshua 1

1 ¶ Now after the death of Moses, the slave of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke unto Joshua, the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2 Moses, my slave, is dead; now, therefore, arise, pass this Jordan, thou and all this people, unto the land which I give to the sons of Israel.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your borders.

5 No one shall be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage; for thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land as an inheritance, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous that thou mayest keep and do according to all the law, which Moses my slave commanded thee; turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left that thou may be prospered in all the things that thou doest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou may keep and do according to all

that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way to prosper, and then thou shalt understand everything.

9 See that I command thee to be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for *I*, the LORD thy God, *am* with thee wherever thou goest.

10 ¶ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, Prepare food; for within three days ye shall pass this Jordan, to enter in to inherit the land, which the LORD your God gives you to inherit.

12 Also to the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to half the tribe of Manasseh, Joshua spoke, saying,

13 Remember the word which Moses, the slave of the LORD, commanded you, saying, The LORD your God has given you rest and has given you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your beasts shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan; but ye, all the mighty men of valour, shall pass before your brethren armed and help them

15 until the LORD has given your brethren rest, as *he has given* you and they also inherit the land which the LORD your God gives them; then ye shall return unto the land of your inheritance and inherit it, which Moses the LORD's slave has given you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrising.

16 ¶ Then *they* answered Joshua, saying, All that thou hast commanded us we will do, and wherever thou dost send us, we will go.

17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee; only *let* the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

18 Whoever rebels against thy commandment and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou doest command him, let him die; only be strong and of a good courage.

Joshua 2

1 ¶ And Joshua, the son of Nun, sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went and came into a harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, men of the sons of Israel have come here this night to spy out the land.

3 Then the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that have come unto thee, who have entered into thy house; for they are come to spy out all the land.

4 And the woman had taken the two men and hidden them and said thus, *It is true that some men came unto me, but I did not know where they came from.*

5 And at the *time of* shutting the gate, when it was dark, these men went out, and I do not know where the men went; pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.

6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house and hid them among the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

7 And the men pursued after them *along* the way to Jordan unto the fords; and as soon as those who pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 ¶ And before they went to sleep, she came up unto them upon the roof;

9 and she said unto the men, I know that the LORD has given you this land because the fear of you has fallen upon us and all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when ye came out of Egypt and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites that *were* on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

11 Hearing this has melted our heart, neither has there remained any more spirit in any man because of you, for the LORD your God is God above in the heavens and in the earth beneath.

12 Now, therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD since I have showed you mercy that ye will also do the same unto my father's house, of which thou shalt give me a true sign,

13 and *that* ye will save alive my father and my mother and my brethren and my sisters and all that they have and deliver our lives from death.

14 And the men answered her, Our life for yours if ye do not declare this our business. And it shall be when the LORD has given us the land, that we will deal with thee according to mercy and truth.

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window; for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

16 And she said unto them, Go to the mountain lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; and afterwards ye may go your way.

17 And the men said unto her, We *will be* exempted of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear *in the following manner*.

18 Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shall have bound this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by, and thou shall have brought thy father and thy mother and thy brethren and all thy father's household home unto thee.

19 And it shall be *that* whoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood *shall be* upon his own head, and we *will be* guiltless; and whoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head if *any* hand touches him.

20 And if thou should declare this our business, then we will be exempted of thine oath which thou hast made us swear.

21 And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed; and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

22 ¶ And they went and came unto the mountain and abode there three days until their pursuers had returned; and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way but did not find *them*.

23 So the two men returned and descended from the mountain and crossed over and came to Joshua, the son of Nun, and told him all the things that had befallen them.

24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands; and also all the inhabitants of the land are faint before us.

Joshua 3

1 ¶ And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim and came to the Jordan, he and all the sons of Israel and lodged there before they passed over.

2 And after three days, the officers went through the camp,

3 and they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place and go after it.

4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure; do not come near unto it that ye may know the way by which ye must go; for ye have not passed *this* way before now.

5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

6 And Joshua spoke unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant and pass before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

7 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, From this day I will begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel that they may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

8 Therefore, thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are entered into the brink of the water of the Jordan, ye shall stand still in the Jordan.

9 And Joshua said unto the sons of Israel, Draw near and hear the words of the LORD your God.

10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God *is* among you and *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Hivite and the Perizzite and the Girgashite and the Amorite and the Jebusite.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes the Jordan before you.

12 Now, therefore, take twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of each tribe a man.

13 And when the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off; for the waters that come down from above shall stand in a heap.

14 ¶ And it came to pass when the people removed from their tents to pass the Jordan and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,

15 when those that bore the ark entered into the Jordan, as soon as the feet of the priests that bore the ark were dipped in the brim of the water (for Jordan overflows all its banks all the time of harvest),

16 that the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up in a heap very far from the city of Adam, that *is* beside Zaretan; and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, failed *and* were cut off; and the people passed over right against Jericho.

17 But the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan until all the people finished passing the Jordan; and all Israel passed on dry ground.

Joshua 4

1 ¶ And it came to pass when all the people were finished passing the Jordan, that the LORD spoke unto Joshua, saying,

2 Take twelve men out of the people, out of each tribe a man,

3 and command them, saying, Take from here of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the sons of Israel, out of each tribe a man;

5 and Joshua said unto them, Pass before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan and take ye up each one of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel,

6 that this may be a sign among you, *that* when your children ask *their fathers* in time to come, saying, What do these stones *mean* unto you?

7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off; and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the sons of Israel for ever.

8 And the sons of Israel did so as Joshua commanded and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, as the LORD spoke unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged and laid them down there.

9 Joshua also set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there unto this day.

10 ¶ For the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; and the people made haste and passed.

11 And when all the people were finished passing, the ark of the LORD passed, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

12 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and half the tribe of Manasseh passed armed before the sons of Israel, as Moses had said unto them.

13 About forty thousand *men* prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, towards the plains of Jericho.

14 On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spoke unto Joshua, saying,

16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan.

17 Joshua, therefore, commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of the Jordan.

18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD came up out of the midst of the Jordan *and* the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned unto their place, flowing as before over all its banks.

19 And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month and camped in Gilgal, on the east side of Jericho.

20 ¶ And Joshua raised up in Gilgal the twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan.

21 And he spoke unto the sons of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What do these stones *mean* unto you?

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you until ye had passed, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us until we had passed,

24 that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty; that ye might fear the LORD your God all the days.

Joshua 5

1 ¶ And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, who *were* on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the sons of Israel until we had passed, that their heart melted, and there was no more spirit in them before the sons of Israel.

2 At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time.

3 And Joshua made himself sharp knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this *is* the reason why Joshua circumcised *them*: All the people that had come out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, had died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5 Now all the people that had come out were circumcised; but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way, after they came forth out of Egypt, were not circumcised.

6 For the sons of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness until all the people *that were* men of war, who had come out of Egypt, were consumed because they did not listen to the voice of the LORD; therefore, the LORD swore unto them that he would not let them see the land which the LORD had sworn unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that flows with milk and honey.

7 But their sons, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised by the way.

8 And when they had finished circumcising all the people, they abode in the same place in the camp until they were whole.

9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Therefore, the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

10 ¶ And the sons of Israel encamped in Gilgal and celebrated the passover on the fourteenth day of the month, in the evening, in the plains of Jericho.

11 And they ate of the fruit of the land, unleavened cakes, on the next day after the passover and parched new ears *of grain* in the same day.

12 And the manna ceased on the next day after they had begun to eat of the fruit of the land; and the sons of Israel never had manna again; but they ate of the fruits of the land of Canaan that year.

13 ¶ And Joshua, being near Jericho, lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand. And Joshua went unto him and said unto him, *Art* thou one of us or one of our adversaries?

14 And he said, No, but I *am* the Prince of the host of the LORD; now I am come. Then Joshua falling upon his face in the earth worshipped him and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his slave?

15 And the Prince of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place on which thou dost stand *is* holy. And Joshua did so.

Joshua 6

1 ¶ Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the sons of Israel; no one went out, and no one came in.

2 But the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given Jericho and its king into thy hand, *with* its mighty men of valour.

3 Therefore, ye shall compass the city, all *ye* men of war, going round about the city once; and thou shalt do this six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven shofarot {or rams horns} of jubilee; and the seventh day ye shall go around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the shofarot.

5 And when they make a long *sound* of jubilee with the horn so that ye hear the voice of the shofar, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat; then the people shall ascend up each man straight before him.

6 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven shofarot of jubilee before the ark of the LORD.

7 And he said unto the people, Pass on and compass the city and let those that are armed pass on before the ark of the LORD.

8 And when Joshua had spoken unto the people, the seven priests bearing the seven shofarot of jubilee passed on before the LORD and blew with the shofarot; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

9 And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the shofarot, and the congregation came after the ark, *the priests* going on and blowing with the shofarot.

10 And Joshua commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I tell you, Shout; then ye shall shout.

11 So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about *it* once; and they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And the seven priests bearing the seven shofarot of jubilee before the ark of the LORD walked continually, and blew with the shofarot; and the armed men went before them; but the congregation came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* going on and blowing with the shofarot.

14 Likewise the second day they compassed the city once and returned into the camp; so they did for six days.

15 And on the seventh day they rose early about the dawning of the day and compassed the city after the same manner seven times; only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And when the priests had blown the shofarot the seventh time, Joshua said unto the people, Shout, for the LORD has given you the city.

17 ¶ And the city shall be anathema unto the LORD, *even* it, and all the things that are in it; only Rahab, the harlot, shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 But keep yourselves from the anathema, that ye not touch nor take any thing of the anathema so that ye not make the camp of Israel anathema and trouble it.

19 For all the silver and gold and vessels of brass and iron *are* consecrated unto the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

20 Then the people shouted when *the priests* blew with the shofarot, and it came to pass when the people heard the voice of the shofar, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, each man straight before him and they took the city.

21 And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox and sheep and ass, with the edge of the sword.

22 But Joshua said unto the two men that had spied out the land, Go into the harlot's house and bring the woman out of there with all that she has, as ye swore unto her.

23 And the young men that were spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and her mother and her brethren and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred and put them outside in the camp of Israel.

24 And they burnt the city with fire and all that *was* in it; only the silver and the gold and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Joshua gave Rahab, the harlot, her life and *also* to her father's household and to all that she had; and she dwells in Israel *even* unto this day because she hid the messengers, whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 And Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before the LORD that rises up and builds this city Jericho. He shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest *son* shall he set up the gates of it.

27 So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame went throughout all the land.

Joshua 7

1 ¶ But the sons of Israel committed a trespass in the anathema; for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the anathema; and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the sons of Israel.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *was* beside Bethaven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke unto them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. And the men went up and spied out Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua and said unto him, Let not all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; do not make all the people to labour there; for they *are but* few.

4 So about three thousand men of the people went up there; and they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty-six men; for they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down; therefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

6 ¶ Then Joshua rent his clothes and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, he and the elders of Israel, putting dust upon their heads.

7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, why hast thou caused this people to pass the Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? We should have been content and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan!

8 O Lord, what shall I say now that Israel has turned their backs before their enemies!

9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear *of it* and shall compass us around and cut off our name from upon the earth; then what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get up; why dost thou lie thus upon thy face?

11 Israel has sinned and has even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them; for they have even taken of the anathema and have also stolen and lied also, and they have even put *it* in their own vessels.

12 Therefore, the sons of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* shall turn *their* backs before their enemies because they have been in the anathema; neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the anathema from among you.

13 Get up, sanctify the people and say, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow; for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* anathema in the midst of thee, O Israel; thou canst not stand before thy enemies until ye take away the anathema from among you.

14 In the morning, therefore, ye shall come near according to your tribes, and it shall be *that* the tribe which the LORD takes shall come according to the families *thereof*, and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households, and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man.

15 And it shall be *that* he that is taken in the anathema shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he has because he has broken the covenant of the LORD and because he has wrought folly in Israel.

16 ¶ So Joshua rose up early in the morning and brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken;

17 and bringing near the tribe of Judah, the family of the Zarhites was taken; and bringing near the family of the Zarhites man by man, Zabdi was taken;

18 and he caused his household to come near, man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 Then Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory now to the LORD God of Israel and give him praise; and tell me now what thou hast done; do not hide *it* from me.

20 And Achan answered Joshua and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done.

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment and two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it* was hid in his tent and the silver under it.

23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent and brought them unto Joshua and unto all the sons of Israel and laid them out before the LORD.

24 Then Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan, the son of Zerah, and the silver and the garment and the wedge of gold and his sons and his daughters and his oxen and his asses and his sheep and his tent and all that he had, and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.

25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? The LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones and burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over them a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Therefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

Joshua 8

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed; take all the people of war with thee and arise; go up to Ai. See, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai and his people and his city and his land.

2 And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king; only the spoil thereof and the cattle thereof, ye shall take for yourselves. Lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.

3 ¶ So Joshua arose and all the people of war, to go up against Ai; and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour and sent them away by night.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, *even* behind the city; do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready.

5 And I and all the people that *are* with me, will approach the city; and when they come out against us, as at the first, we will flee before them

6 (for they will come out after us) until we have raptured them out of the city; for they will say, They flee before us as at the first. Therefore, we will flee before them.

7 Then ye shall rise up from the ambush and take possession of the city; for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

8 And when ye have taken the city, ye shall set the city on fire. Ye shall do according to the word of the LORD. See, I have commanded you.

9 Then Joshua sent them forth, and they went to lie in ambush and abode between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai; and Joshua lodged that night in the midst of the people.

10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning and numbered the people and went up he and the elders of Israel, before the people against Ai.

11 And all the people of war that *were* with him, went up, and drew near and came before the city and pitched camp on the north side of Ai; now *there* was a valley between them and Ai.

12 And he took about five thousand men and set them to lie in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city.

13 And the people, all the camp that *was* on the side of the north came near to the city, and their ambush on the west of the city. And Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

14 When the king of Ai saw it, he rose up early in the morning and made haste with the men of the city to go out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he did not know that *there was* an ambush against him behind the city.

15 Then Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people that *were* in Ai were called together to pursue after them; and they pursued after Joshua and were raptured from the city.

17 And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel that did not go out after Israel; and because they pursued after Israel, they left the city open.

18 Then the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that *is* in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thy hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand toward the city.

19 And those of the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand; and they entered into the city and took it and made haste to set the city on fire.

20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way; and the people that were fleeing into the wilderness turned back upon their pursuers.

21 Then Joshua and all Israel, seeing that those of the ambush had taken the city and that the smoke of the city ascended, they turned and slew the men of Ai.

22 And the others issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side and some on that side; and they smote them so that they let none of them remain or escape.

23 ¶ And they took the king of Ai alive and brought him to Joshua.

24 And when Israel had finished slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness in which they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword until they were consumed, all the Israelites returned unto Ai and smote it with the edge of the sword.

25 And so it was *that* all that fell that day, both of men and women, *were* twelve thousand, *even* all the men of Ai.

26 For Joshua did not draw back his hand with which he stretched out the spear until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 But the Israelites took the beasts and the spoil of the city for themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which he had commanded Joshua.

28 And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a perpetual heap, desolate unto this day.

29 And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening, and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city and raise a great heap of stones upon it, *that remains* unto this day.

30 ¶ Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in Mount Ebal,
31 as Moses, the slave of the LORD had commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no one lifted up *any* iron *tool*; and they offered burnt offerings upon it unto the LORD and sacrificed peace *offerings*.

32 He also wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written in the presence of the sons of Israel.

33 And all Israel and their elders and officers and their judges stood on one side and on the other near the ark, before the priests the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the strangers, as well as the natural *born among them*, half of them over against Mount Gerizim and half of them over against Mount Ebal, as Moses, the slave of the LORD, had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

34 After this he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

35 There was not a word of all the things that Moses commanded which Joshua did not read before all the congregation of Israel with the women and the little ones and the strangers that walked among them.

Joshua 9

1 ¶ And it came to pass when all the kings who *were* on this side of the Jordan, in the mountains and in the valleys and in all the coast of the great sea over against Lebanon, heard *these things*, the Hittites and the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites

2 gathered themselves together with one accord to fight with Joshua and with Israel.

3 ¶ But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

4 they worked with prudence and went and made as if they had been ambassadors and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old and rent and bound up,

5 and old patched shoes upon their feet, and old garments upon them, and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* mouldy.

6 *Thus* they came unto Joshua to the camp at Gilgal and said unto him and to the men of Israel, We are come from a far country; now, therefore, make ye a covenant with us.

7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us, and how shall we make a covenant with you?

8 And they said unto Joshua, We *are* thy slaves. And Joshua said unto them, Who *are* you and where do you come from?

9 And they said unto him, From very far lands thy slaves are come because of the name of the LORD thy God, for we have heard the fame of him and all that he did in Egypt

10 and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* on the other side of the Jordan, and to Sihon, king of Heshbon, and to Og, king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroath.

11 Therefore, our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, Take provision with you for the journey and go to meet them and say unto them, We *are* your slaves; therefore, now make ye a covenant with us.

12 This our bread we took hot *for* our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to come unto you, but now, behold, it is dry and mouldy.

13 These bottles of wine, we also filled new, and, behold, they are rent, and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

14 And the men *of Israel* took of their provision and did not ask *counsel* at the mouth of the LORD.

15 ¶ And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live; also the princes of the congregation swore unto them.

16 At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard how they *were* their neighbours and that they dwelt among them.

17 And the sons of Israel journeyed and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon and Chephirah and Beeroth and Kirjathjearim.

18 And the sons of Israel did not smite them because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel; therefore, now we may not touch them.

20 This we will do to them; we will let them live lest wrath come upon us because of the oath which we swore unto them.

21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation, as the princes had said unto them.

22 ¶ And Joshua called for them, and spoke unto them saying, Why have ye beguiled us, saying, We *are* very far from you, when ye dwell among us?

23 Now, therefore, ye *are* cursed, and ye shall always be slaves and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

24 And they answered Joshua and said, Because it was certainly told thy slaves how the LORD thy God commanded his slave Moses that he was to give you the land and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore, we feared greatly of our lives because of you and have done this thing.

25 And now, behold, we *are* in thy hand; as it seems good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

26 And so did he unto them; he delivered them out of the hand of the sons of Israel, so that they did not slay them.

27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, in the place which he should choose; *which they are* even unto this day.

Joshua 10

1 ¶ Now it came to pass when Adonizedek, king of Jerusalem, heard how Joshua had taken Ai and that he had utterly destroyed it (as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king) and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them;

2 they feared greatly because Gibeon *was* a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it *was* greater than Ai, and all the men thereof *were* mighty.

3 Therefore Adonizedek, king of Jerusalem, sent unto Hoham, king of Hebron, and unto Piram, king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia, king of Lachish, and unto Debir, king of Eglon, saying,

4 Come up unto me and help me that we may smite Gibeon; for it has made peace with Joshua and with the sons of Israel.

5 Therefore, the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together and went up, they and all their hosts and encamped before Gibeon and made war against it.

6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy slaves; come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.

7 ¶ So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him and all the mighty men of valour.

8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Do not fear them; for I have delivered them into thy hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

9 Joshua, therefore, came unto them suddenly, *for he* went up from Gilgal all night.

10 And the LORD discomfited them before Israel and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon and chased them along the way that goes up to Bethhoron and smote them to Azekah and unto Makkedah.

11 And when they were fleeing from before Israel in the descent to Bethhoron, the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto

Azekah, and they died; *there were* more who died from the hailstones than *those* whom the sons of Israel slew with the sword.

12 Then Joshua spoke unto the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed until the nation had avenged themselves upon their enemies. *Is not this written in the book of righteousness?* So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven and hastened not to go down about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.

15 ¶ And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

16 But the five kings fled and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told unto Joshua that the five kings had been found hidden in a cave at Makkedah.

18 Then Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave and set men by it to guard them;

19 and do not stop, *but* pursue after your enemies and smite their rearguard without allowing them to enter into their cities; for the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand.

20 And it came to pass when Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished slaying them with a very great slaughter until they were consumed, that those who remained of them entered into strong cities.

21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace; there was no one to move his tongue against any of the sons of Israel.

22 Then Joshua said, Open the mouth of the cave and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave.

23 And they did so and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon.

24 And when they had brought those kings out unto Joshua, Joshua called for all the men of Israel and said unto the captains of the men of war who went with him, Come near; put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near and put their feet upon the necks of them.

25 And Joshua said unto them, Do not fear, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage; for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

26 And afterward Joshua smote them and slew them and caused them to be hanged on five trees; and they hung upon the trees until the evening.

27 And at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded that they take them down off the trees and cast them into the cave in which they had been hid, and they laid great stones in the cave's mouth, *which remain* until this very day.

28 ¶ In that same day Joshua took Makkedah and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them and all the souls that *were* therein; he let no one remain; and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.

29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him unto Libnah and fought against Libnah;

30 and the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hands of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword and all the souls that *were* therein; he let no one remain in it, but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

31 And Joshua passed from Libnah and all Israel with him unto Lachish and encamped against it and fought against it;

32 and the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day and smote it with the edge of the sword and all the souls that *were* therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horam, king of Gezer, came up to help Lachish, and Joshua smote him and his people until none of them were left.

34 And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon and all Israel with him, and they encamped against it and fought against it;

35 and they took it that same day and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* in it he utterly destroyed that same day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it;

37 and they took it and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof and all the cities thereof and all the souls that *were* in it; he left no one remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon, but destroyed it utterly and all the souls that *were* therein.

38 And Joshua returned and all Israel with him to Debir and fought against it;

39 and he took it and the king thereof and all the cities thereof, and they smote them with the edge of the sword and utterly destroyed all the souls that *were* in it; he left no one remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and to the king thereof, as he had done also to Libnah and to her king.

40 So Joshua smote all the country of the hills and of the Negev and of the vale and of the springs and all their kings; he left no one remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded.

41 And Joshua smote them from Kadeshbarnea even unto Gaza and all the country of Goshen even unto Gibeon.

42 All these kings and their lands Joshua took at one time because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 And Joshua returned and all Israel with him unto the camp to Gilgal.

Joshua 11

1 ¶ Hearing *of* this, Jabin, king of Hazor, sent a message unto Jobab, king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron and to the king of Achshaph

2 and to the kings that *were* on the north of the mountains and in the plain southward of Chinneroth and in the valley and in the borders of Dor to the west

3 *and to* the Canaanite on the east and on the west and *to* the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Jebusite in the mountains and *to* the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, many people even as the sand that *is* upon the sea shore in multitude, with a great multitude of horses and chariots.

5 All these kings united, and as they came they gathered together the camps near the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

6 But the LORD said unto Joshua, Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow at this hour I will deliver them up all slain before Israel; thou shalt hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire.

7 So Joshua came against them with all the people of war and fell upon them suddenly by the waters of Merom.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them and chased them unto great Zidon and unto the hot springs and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them no one remaining.

9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD had commanded him; he hamstrung their horses and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 ¶ And Joshua at that time returned and took Hazor and smote the king thereof with the sword because Hazor had been the head of all those kingdoms before.

11 And they smote all the souls that *were* in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying *them*; there was not any left to breathe; and he burnt Hazor with fire.

12 Likewise, Joshua took all the cities of those kings and all their kings and smote them with the edge of the sword, *and* he utterly destroyed them as Moses the slave of the LORD had commanded him.

13 But of all the cities that stood on their hills, Israel burned none of them, excepting Hazor only, which Joshua burned.

14 And all the spoil of these cities and the beasts, the sons of Israel took for themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword until they had destroyed them, without leaving any that breathed.

15 ¶ As the LORD had commanded Moses his slave, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

16 So Joshua took all that land, the mountains and all the *region* of the Negev and all the land of Goshen and the valleys and the plains and the mountain of Israel and its valleys.

17 *Even* from Mount Halak that goes up unto Seir unto Baalgad in the plains of Lebanon at the roots of Mount Hermon; likewise he took all their kings and smote them and slew them.

18 Joshua made war many days with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the sons of Israel except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon; they took all *the others* in battle.

20 For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly *and* that they might have no mercy, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

21 Also at the same time Joshua came and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

22 There were none of the Anakims left in the land of the sons of Israel; only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

Joshua 12

1 ¶ Now these *are* the kings of the land which the sons of Israel smote and possessed their land on the other side of the Jordan toward the rising of the sun from the river Arnon unto Mount Hermon and all the plain on the east:

2 Sihon, king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the midst of the river and from half of Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the sons of Ammon,

3 and from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east and unto the sea of the plain, the salt sea on the east, by the way to Bethjeshimoth, and from the Negev, under Ashdothpisgah.

4 And the borders of Og, king of Bashan, *who was* of the remnant of the Rephaim, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

5 and reigned in Mount Hermon and in Salcah and in all Bashan unto the borders of the Geshur and Maachath and half of Gilead, the border of Sihon, king of Heshbon.

6 These did Moses, the slave of the LORD, and the sons of Israel smite; and Moses, the slave of the LORD, gave that land in possession unto the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh.

7 ¶ And these *are* the kings of the land which Joshua and the sons of Israel smote on this side of the Jordan on the west from Baalgad in the plains of Lebanon even unto Mount Halak that goes up to Seir, which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel *for* a possession according to their divisions,

8 in the mountains and in the valleys and in the plains and in the springs and in the wilderness and towards the Negev: the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite,

9 the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which *is* beside Bethel, another;

10 the king of Jerusalem, another; the king of Hebron, another;

11 the king of Jarmuth, another; the king of Lachish, another;

12 the king of Eglon, another; the king of Gezer, another;

13 the king of Debir, another; the king of Geder, another;

14 the king of Hormah, another; the king of Arad, another;

15 the king of Libnah, another; the king of Adullam, another;
16 the king of Makkedah, another; the king of Bethel, another;
17 the king of Tappuah, another; the king of Hephher, another;
18 the king of Aphek, another; the king of Lasharon, another;
19 the king of Madon, another; the king of Hazor, another;
20 the king of Shimronmeron (*Samaria*), another; the king of Achshaph,
another;
21 the king of Taanach, another; the king of Megiddo, another;
22 the king of Kedesh, another; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, another;
23 the king of Dor in the province of Dor, another; the king of the Gentiles
in Gilgal, another;
24 the king of Tirzah, another; thirty-one kings in all.

Joshua 13

1 ¶ Now *when* Joshua was old *and* advanced in years, the LORD said unto him, Thou art old *and* advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to be possessed.

2 This *is* the land that yet remains: all the borders of the Philistines and all Geshuri

3 from the Nile, which *is* before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, *which* is counted among the Canaanites; five cardinals of the Philistines; the Gazathites and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites, also the Avites;

4 towards the Negev all the land of the Canaanites and Mearah that *is* beside those of Sidon unto Aphek to the border of the Amorite;

5 and the land of the Giblites and all Lebanon toward the sunrising, from Baalgad at the root of Mount Hermon unto the entering into Hamath.

6 All the inhabitants of the mountains from Lebanon unto the hot springs *and* all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the sons of Israel; only thou shalt divide the country by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

7 ¶ Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes and the half tribe of Manasseh,

8 for the other half received their inheritance with the Reubenites and the Gadites, which Moses gave them of the other side of the Jordan eastward, according as Moses the slave of the LORD gave them;

9 from Aroer, that *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the river and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon;

10 and all the cities of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, unto the borders of the sons of Ammon;

11 and Gilead and the borders of the Geshur and Maachath and all Mount Hermon and all Bashan unto Salcah;

12 all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the Rephaim, for these did Moses smite and cast them out *of the land*.

13 Nevertheless, the sons of Israel did not expel those of Geshur and Maachath, but Geshur {Heb. the proud beholder} and Maachath {Heb. the oppressor} dwell among the Israelites until this day.

14 But unto the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance; the sacrifices on fire of the LORD God of Israel are their inheritance, as he said unto them.

15 And Moses gave unto the tribe of the sons of Reuben according to their families,

16 and their border was from Aroer, that *is* on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the river and all the plain until Medeba,

17 Heshbon and all her cities that *are* in the plain, Dibon, and Bamothbaal and Bethbaalmeon,

18 and Jahazah and Kedemoth and Mephaath,

19 and Kirjathaim and Sibmah and Zarethshahar in the mount of the valley, {Emec}

20 and Bethpeor and Ashdothpisgah and Bethjeshimoth,

21 and all the cities of the plain and all the kingdom of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur and Hur and Reba, *who were* princes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.

22 Balaam also, the son of Beor, the diviner, did the sons of Israel slay with the sword among those that were slain by them.

23 And the border of the sons of Reuben was the Jordan and the border *thereof*. This *was* the inheritance of the sons of Reuben according to their families, these cities with their villages.

24 Moses likewise gave unto the tribe of Gad, to the sons of Gad according to their families.

25 And their border was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead and half of the land of the sons of Ammon, unto Aroer that *is* before Rabbah,

26 and from Heshbon unto Ramathmizpeh, and Betonim, and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir,

27 and the valley of Betharam and Bethnimrah and Succoth and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon, king of Heshbon, the Jordan and its border, *even* unto the edge of the sea of Chinnereth on the other side of the Jordan eastward.

28 This *is* the inheritance of the sons of Gad according to their families, these cities with their villages.

29 And Moses also gave unto the half tribe of Manasseh, and it belonged to the half tribe of the sons of Manasseh according to their families.

30 Their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which *are* in Bashan, sixty cities.

31 And half of Gilead and Ashtaroth and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were given* to the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, *even* to one half of the sons of Machir, according to their families.

32 This is what Moses distributed in inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side of the Jordan of Jericho, eastward.

33 But to the tribe of Levi Moses did not give *any* inheritance; the LORD God of Israel is their inheritance, as he said unto them.

Joshua 14

1 ¶ This is the inheritance of the sons of Israel in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua, the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel, distributed unto them.

2 Their inheritance was by lot, as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses, to be given to the nine tribes and to the half tribe.

3 For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and half a tribe on the other side of the Jordan, but unto the Levites he gave no inheritance among them.

4 For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim, and they gave no part unto the Levites in the land except cities to dwell *in* with their suburbs for their livestock and for their substance.

5 As the LORD had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did regarding the dividing of the land.

6 ¶ Then the sons of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal, and Caleb, the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses, the man of God, concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea.

7 I was forty years old when Moses, the slave of the LORD, sent me from Kadeshbarnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as *it was* in my heart,

8 but my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I entirely followed the LORD my God.

9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land on which thy feet have trodden shall be thy inheritance and thy sons' for ever because thou hast entirely followed the LORD my God.

10 And now, behold, the LORD has caused me to live, as he said, these forty-five years from the time that the LORD spoke these words unto Moses, while Israel has walked in the wilderness; and now, behold, I *am* this day eighty-five years old.

11 As yet I *am* as strong today as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me; as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war and to go out and to come in.

12 Now, therefore, give me this mountain, of which the LORD spoke in that day; for thou didst hear in that day how the Anakims *were* there and *that* the cities *were* great *and* strong; peradventure, the LORD *will be* with me, and I shall drive them out, as the LORD said.

13 Then Joshua blessed him and gave unto Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, Hebron as inheritance.

14 Hebron, therefore, became the inheritance of Caleb, the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, unto this day because he entirely followed the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjatharba; *Arba had been* a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

Joshua 15

1 ¶ *This* then was the lot of the tribe of the sons of Judah by their families: next to the border of Edom, of the wilderness of Zin towards the Negev on the south side.

2 And their border on the side of the Negev was from the shore of the salt sea from the bay that looks toward the Negev;

3 and it went out towards the Negev to the ascent to Acrabbim passing unto Zin and ascending up by the Negev unto Kadeshbarnea past Hezron and going up by Adar, it went around to Karkaa,

4 from there it passed toward Azmon and went out unto the river of Egypt, and this border goes out to the western sea. This shall be your border of the Negev.

5 And the east border *is* the salt sea, *even* unto the end of the Jordan. And the border in the north quarter, from the bay of the sea, from the end of the Jordan,

6 and this border goes up to Bethhogla and passes along by the north of Betharabah, and from here this border goes up to the stone of Bohan, the son of Reuben.

7 And this border goes back up to Debir from the valley of Achor and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that *is* before the ascent to Adummim, which *is* towards the Negev of the river, and this border passes the waters of Enshemesh and comes out at the fount of Rogel;

8 and this border goes up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the side of the Jebusite towards the Negev; this is Jerusalem. Then this border goes up to the top of the mountain that is before the valley of Hinnom westward, which *is* at the end of the valley of the giants northward;

9 and this border comes around from the top of the mountain unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah and goes out to the cities of Mount Ephron; and the border goes around to Baalah, which *is* Kirjathjearim.

10 After this, the border turns from Baalah westward unto Mount Seir and passes to the side of Mount Jearim, which *is* Chesalon, on the north side, and descends to Bethshemesh and passes on to Timnah.

11 Then this border goes out to the side of Ekron northward; and the same border comes around to Shicron and passes by Mount Baalah and goes out to Jabneel; and this border comes out to the sea.

12 And the west border *is* the great sea. This *is* the border of the sons of Judah round about according to their families.

13 ¶ And unto Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, he gave a part among the sons of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, *even* the city of Arba, the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron.

14 And Caleb drove from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai, the sons of Anak.

15 From there he went up to the inhabitants of Debir, and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjathsepher.

16 And Caleb said, He that smites Kirjathsepher and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

17 And Othniel, the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

18 And it came to pass when he was taking her, he persuaded her to ask of her father for land to cultivate. Then she lighted off *her* ass, and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou?

19 And she answered, Give me a blessing, for thou hast given me a dry land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

20 ¶ This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah according to their families.

21 And these were the cities in the border of the tribe of the sons of Judah towards the border of Edom towards the Negev: Kabzeel, Eder, Jagur,

22 Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah,

23 Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan,

24 Ziph, Telem, Bealoth,

25 Hazorhadattah, Keriothhezron, which *is* Hazor,

26 Amam, Shema, Moladah,

27 Hazargaddah, Heshmon, Bethpalet,

28 Hazarshual, Beersheba, Bizjothjah,

29 Baalah, Iim, Azem,
30 Eltolad, Chesil, Hormah,
31 Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah,
32 Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, Rimmon: twenty-nine cities in all, with their villages.
33 And in the plains, Eshtaol, Zoreah, Ashnah,
34 Zanoah, Engannim, Tappuah, Enam,
35 Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah,
36 Sharaim, Adithaim, Gederah, Gederothaim: fourteen cities with their villages.
37 Zenan, Hadashah, Migdalgad,
38 Dilean, Mizpeh, Joktheel,
39 Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon,
40 Cabbon, Lahmam, Kithlish,
41 Gederoth, Bethdagon, Naamah, and Makkedah: sixteen cities with their villages.
42 Libnah, Ether, Ashan,
43 Jiphtah, Ashnah, Nezib,
44 Keilah, Achzib, and Mareshah: nine cities with their villages:
45 Ekron, with her towns and her villages.
46 From Ekron even unto the sea, all that *lay* near Ashdod, with their villages:
47 Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt and the great sea and the border *thereof*;
48 And in the mountains, Shamir, Jattir, Socoh,
49 Dannah, Kirjathsannah, which *is* Debir,
50 Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim,
51 Goshen, Holon, and Giloh: eleven cities with their villages;
52 Arab, Dumah, Eshean,
53 Janum, Bethtappuah, Aphekah,

54 Humtah, Kirjatharba, which is Hebron, and Zior: nine cities with their villages:

55 Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Juttah,

56 Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah,

57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah: ten cities with their villages;

58 Halhul, Bethzur, Gedor,

59 Maarath, Bethanath, and Eltekon: six cities with their villages;

60 Kirjathbaal, which is Kirjathjearim, and Rabbah: two cities with their villages;

61 in the wilderness, Betharabah, Middin, Secacah,

62 Nibshan, the city of Salt, and Engedi: six cities with their villages.

63 As for the Jebusites who inhabit Jerusalem, the sons of Judah could not drive them out; but the Jebusite remains in Jerusalem with the sons of Judah unto this day.

Joshua 16

1 ¶ And the lot of the sons of Joseph fell from the Jordan of Jericho unto the water of Jericho towards the east to the wilderness that goes up from Jericho to Mount Bethel,

2 and from Bethel going to Luz and passing the border of Archi in Ataroth,

3 and turns to descend to the *westward* sea to the border of Japhleti until the border of Bethhoron the lower, and to Gezer, and comes out at the sea.

4 So the sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance.

5 ¶ And this was the border of the sons of Ephraim according to their families; this was the border of their inheritance on the east side from Atarothaddar unto Bethhoron the upper;

6 and this border comes out to the sea and to Michmethah on the north side; and this border goes around eastward unto Taanathshiloh and from here passes on the east to Janohah;

7 and from Janohah it goes down to Ataroth and to Naarath, and touches in Jericho and comes out at the Jordan.

8 And from Tappuah this border turns towards the *westward* sea at the river Kanah and comes out at the sea. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim by their families.

9 *There were also* cities separated for the sons of Ephraim among the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

10 And they did not drive out the Canaanite that dwelt in Gezer, but the Canaanite remained in the midst of Ephraim unto this day and served under tribute.

Joshua 17

1 ¶ There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he *was* the firstborn of Joseph. Machir, the firstborn of Manasseh and father of Gilead, who was a man of war, had Gilead and Bashan.

2 There was also *a lot* for the rest of the sons of Manasseh by their families: for the sons of Abiezer and for the sons of Helek and for the sons of Asriel and for the sons of Shechem, and for the sons of Hephher and for the sons of Shemida: these *were* the male sons of Manasseh, the son of Joseph, by their families.

3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters, and these *are* the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest and before Joshua, the son of Nun, and before the princes and said, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren. Therefore, according to the commandment of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

5 And there fell ten portions to Manasseh besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which *were* on the other side of the Jordan,

6 because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons; and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

7 ¶ And the border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, which is before Shechem; and this border goes along on the right hand to the inhabitants of Entappuah.

8 Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah; but the Tappuah next to the border of Manasseh *belongs* to the sons of Ephraim;

9 And this border descends to the river Kanah towards the Negev of the river. These cities of Ephraim *are* among the cities of Manasseh; and the border of Manasseh is from the north side of the same river, and it comes out at the sea.

10 Ephraim towards the Negev and Manasseh to the north and the sea is his border; and they meet with Asher on the side of the north and with Issachar to the east.

11 And Manasseh also had in Issachar and in Asher Bethshean and her towns and Ibleam and her towns and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns and the inhabitants of Endor and her towns and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, three provinces.

12 But the sons of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities; to the contrary the Canaanite desired to dwell in that land.

13 Yet it came to pass when the sons of Israel waxed strong that they put the Canaanite under tribute, but did not utterly drive them out.

14 ¶ And the sons of Joseph spoke unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I *am* a great people and that the LORD has blessed me as such until now?

15 And Joshua answered them, If thou *art* such a great people, *then* go up to the forest and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzite and of the giants, if mountain of Ephraim is too narrow for thee.

16 And the sons of Joseph said, This mountain is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both those who are* in Bethshean and her towns, and *those who are* in the valley of Jezreel.

17 Then Joshua replied unto the house of Joseph, *even* to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou *art* a great people and hast great strength; thou shalt not have only one lot;

18 but that mountain shall be thine, for it *is* a forest, and thou shalt cut it down, and the borders of it shall be thine; for thou shalt drive out the Canaanite, though he has iron chariots *and* though he *is* strong.

Joshua 18

1 ¶ And the whole congregation of the sons of Israel assembled together at Shiloh and set up the tabernacle of the testimony there after the land was subdued before them.

2 ¶ And there remained among the sons of Israel seven tribes who had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Joshua said unto the sons of Israel, How long *shall* ye be negligent to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers has given you?

4 Indicate from among you three men for *each* tribe that I may send them and *let them* arise and walk through the land and draw it according to its inheritances; and they shall return unto me.

5 And they shall divide it into seven parts; Judah shall abide in their borders towards the Negev, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their borders on the north.

6 Ye shall therefore draw up the land *into* seven parts and bring *the description* here that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

7 But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance; and Gad and Reuben and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance of the other side of the Jordan on the east, which Moses, the slave of the LORD, gave them.

8 And the men arose and went away; and Joshua charged those that went to draw the land, saying unto them, Go and walk through the land and draw it up and return to me that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD in Shiloh.

9 And those men went and passed through the land, drawing it by cities into seven parts in a book and came *again* to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh.

10 And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD; and there Joshua divided the land unto the sons of Israel according to their portions.

11 ¶ And the lot of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin came up according to their families; and the border of their lot came forth between the sons of Judah and the sons of Joseph.

12 And their border on the side of the north was from the Jordan and that border goes up beside Jericho on the north side and up to the mountain westward and comes out at the wilderness of Bethaven;

13 and from there that border passes through Luz, by the side of Luz (which is Bethel) towards the Negev. And this border descends from Atarothadar to the mountain that is towards the Negev of the lower Bethhoron.

14 And this border turns and compasses the side of the sea towards the Negev unto the mountain that is before Bethhoron towards the Negev, and it comes out at Kirjathbaal, which is Kirjathjearim, a city of the sons of Judah. This is the west quarter.

15 And the side of the Negev is from the end of Kirjathjearim, and the border goes out to the west and comes out at the well of waters of Nephtoah,

16 and this border descends to the end of the mountain that is before the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is in the valley of the giants to the north, and descends then to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite towards the Negev and *from there* descends to the fountain of Rogel,

17 and from the north it turns and goes to Enshemesh and *from there* goes to Geliloth, which is over against the ascent to Adummim, and descends to the stone of Bohan, the son of Reuben

18 and passes along toward the side over against the valley of the north and descends to the plain;

19 and this border turns to pass to the side of Bethhoglah northward, and the border comes out at the north bay of the salt sea at the end of the Jordan towards the Negev. This is the border towards the Negev.

20 And Jordan finishes this border on the east side. This is the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, by the borders thereof round about, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, Bethhoglah, the valley of Keziz,

22 Betharabah, Zemaraim, Bethel,

23 Avim, Parah, Ophrah,

24 Chepharhaammonai, Ophni, and Gaba: twelve cities with their villages;

25 Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth,

26 Mizpeh, Chephirah, Mozah,

27 Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah,

28 Zelah, Eleph, Jebusi, which *is* Jerusalem, Gibeath *and* Kirjath: fourteen cities with their villages. This *is* the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin according to their families.

Joshua 19

1 ¶ And the second lot came forth to Simeon, for the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families; and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the sons of Judah.

2 And they had in their inheritance Beersheba or Sheba, Moladah,

3 Hazarshual, Balah, Azem,

4 Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah,

5 Ziklag, Bethmarcaboth, Hazarsusah,

6 Bethlebaoth, and Sharuhén: thirteen cities and their villages;

7 Ain, Remmon, Ether, and Ashan: four cities and their villages,

8 with all the villages that *were* round about these cities unto Baalathbeer, *which is* Ramath of the Negev. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families.

9 Out of the portion of the sons of Judah *was taken* the inheritance of the sons of Simeon; for the part of the sons of Judah was too much for them; therefore, the sons of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of *Judah*.

10 ¶ The third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun according to their families, and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid.

11 And their border goes up towards the sea and to Maralah and reaches unto Dabbasheth and *from there* comes to the river that *is* before Jokneam,

12 and turning from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising to the border of Chislothtabor and then goes out to Daberath and up to Japhia,

13 and from there passes eastward toward the sunrising to Gittahhepher, to Ittahkazin, and goes out to Remmonmethoar around Neah;

14 and *from here* this border turns to the north to Hannathon, coming out in the valley of Jiphthahel

15 and including Kattath, Nahallal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This *is* the inheritance of the sons of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 ¶ And the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the sons of Issachar according to their families.

18 And their border was Jezreel, Chesulloth, Shunem,

19 Hapharaim, Shion, Anaharath,

20 Rabbith, Kishion, Abez,

21 Remeth, Engannim, Enhaddah, and Bethpazzez;

22 and this border reaches to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Bethshemesh; and their border comes out to the Jordan; sixteen cities with their villages.

23 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Issachar according to their families, these cities with their villages.

24 ¶ And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families.

25 And their border was Helkath, Hali, Beten, Achshaph,

26 Alammelech, Amad, and Misheal, and reaches to Carmel westward and to Shihorlibnath

27 and turns toward the sunrising to Bethdagon and reaches to Zebulun and to the valley of Jipthahel to the north, to Bethemek, and to Neiel, and goes out to Cabul on the left hand,

28 and includes Abran, {Hebron} Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah, *even* unto great Zidon;

29 and this border turns *from there* to Horma {Ramah} and to the strong city of Zor; {Tyre} and this border turns to Hosah and comes out to the sea from the stronghold of Achzib,

30 including Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob: twenty-two cities with their villages.

31 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 ¶ The sixth lot came out to the sons of Naphtali, for the sons of Naphtali according to their families.

33 And their border was from Heleph, Allon, Zaanannim, Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum, and comes out at the Jordan,

34 and turning westward this border goes to Aznothtabor and passes from there to Hukkok and reaches to Zebulun towards the Negev and reaches to

Asher on the west side and to Judah upon the Jordan toward the sunrising.

35 And the strong cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth,

36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor,

37 Kedesh, Edrei, Enhazor,

38 Iron, Migdalel, Horem, Bethanath, and Bethshemesh: nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali according to their families, these cities with their villages.

40 ¶ And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families.

41 And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, Eshtaol, Irshemesh,

42 Shaalabbin, Ajalon, Jethlah,

43 Elon, Thimnathah, Ekron,

44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath,

45 Jehud, Beneberak, Gathrimmon,

46 Mejarkon, Rakkon, with the border before Joppa.

47 And the border of the sons of Dan went out *too little* for them; therefore, the sons of Dan went up to fight against Leshem and took it and smote it with the edge of the sword and possessed it and dwelt therein and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 ¶ Thus they finished dividing the land in inheritance by their borders, and the sons of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun in their midst.

50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked for, *which was* Timnathserah in mountain of Ephraim; and he rebuilt the city and dwelt therein.

51 These *are* the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua, the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the testimony. So they finished dividing the land.

Joshua 20

- 1 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto Joshua, saying,
- 2 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, Appoint the cities of refuge, of which I spoke unto you by the hand of Moses,
- 3 so that the manslayer who kills *any* person in error *and* without knowledge may flee there, and they shall be your refuge from the avenger {Heb. redeemer} of blood.
- 4 And he that flees unto one of these cities shall present himself at the entering of the gate of the city and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city; they shall receive him into the city among them and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.
- 5 And when the avenger {Heb. redeemer} of blood pursues after him, they shall not deliver the manslayer up into his hand because he smote his neighbour by error, nor did he have enmity with him before.
- 6 And he shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment *and* until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days; then shall the manslayer return, and come unto his own city and unto his own house unto the city from where he fled.
- 7 ¶ Then they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in the mountain of Naphtali and Shechem in the mountain of Ephraim, and Kirjatharba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.
- 8 And on the other side of the Jordan of Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.
- 9 These were the cities appointed for all the sons of Israel and for the stranger that sojourns among them that anyone who kills *any* person by error might flee there and not die by the hand of the avenger {Heb. redeemer} of blood until he stands before the congregation.

Joshua 21

1 ¶ Then the heads of the fathers of the Levites came near unto Eleazar the priest and unto Joshua, the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel;

2 and they spoke unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in with the suburbs thereof for our beasts.

3 Then the sons of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their possessions, according to the word of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites; and the sons of Aaron the priest, *who were* of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah and out of the tribe of Simeon and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of the sons of Kohath *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim and out of the tribe of Dan and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

6 And the sons of Gershon *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar and out of the tribe of Asher and out of the tribe of Naphtali and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

7 The sons of Merari by their families *had* out of the tribe of Reuben and out of the tribe of Gad and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8 Thus the sons of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses.

9 ¶ And they gave out of the tribe of the sons of Judah and out of the tribe of the sons of Simeon these cities which are *here* mentioned by name;

10 and the first lot was of the sons of Aaron, of the family of Kohath, of the sons of Levi;

11 and they gave them the city of Arba of the father of Anak, which *is* Hebron, in the mountain of Judah, with its suburbs round about.

12 But the fields of the city and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

13 Thus they gave to the sons of Aaron the priest Hebron with its suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for manslayers and Libnah with its suburbs

14 and Jattir with its suburbs and Eshtemoa with its suburbs

15 and Holon with its suburbs and Debir with its suburbs

16 and Ain with its suburbs and Juttah with its suburbs *and* Bethshemesh with its suburbs: nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its suburbs, Geba with its suburbs,

18 Anathoth with its suburbs, and Almon with its suburbs: four cities.

19 All these cities of the priests, the sons of Aaron, *are* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 But the families of the sons of Kohath, Levites, those who remained of the sons of Kohath, received cities by lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 For they gave them Shechem with its suburbs in the mountain of Ephraim, *to be* a city of refuge for manslayers, and Gezer with its suburbs,

22 Kibzaim with its suburbs, Bethhoron with its suburbs: four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with its suburbs, Gibbethon with its suburbs,

24 Aijalon with its suburbs, Gathrimmon with its suburbs: four cities.

25 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with its suburbs and Gathrimmon with its suburbs: two cities.

26 All the cities *were* ten with their suburbs for the remaining families of the sons of Kohath.

27 And unto the sons of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the *other* half tribe of Manasseh *they gave* Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for manslayers, and Beeshterah with its suburbs: two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with its suburbs, Dabareh with its suburbs,

29 Jarmuth with its suburbs, Engannim with its suburbs: four cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its suburbs, Abdon with its suburbs,

31 Helkath with its suburbs, and Rehob with its suburbs: four cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for manslayers, and Hammothdor with its suburbs and Kartan with its suburbs: three cities.

33 All the cities of those of Gershon according to their families *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 And unto the families of the sons of Merari, Levites that remained, out of the tribe of Zebulun *they gave them*, Jokneam with its suburbs and Kartah with its suburbs,

35 Dimnah with its suburbs, Nahalal with its suburbs: four cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer and Jahazah,

37 Kedemoth, and Mephaath: four cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for manslayers; and Mahanaim with its suburbs,

39 Heshbon with its suburbs, Jazer with its suburbs; four cities in all.

40 So all the cities for the sons of Merari by their families, who remained of the families of the Levites, were *by* their lot twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the sons of Israel *were* forty-eight cities with their suburbs.

42 Each one of these cities were separated with their suburbs round about them; thus *were* all these cities.

43 ¶ Thus the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it and dwelt therein.

44 And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he had sworn unto their fathers; and none of their enemies could stand before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hands.

45 There failed not a word of all the good things which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all of it came to pass.

Joshua 22

1 ¶ Then Joshua called the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh

2 and said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the slave of the LORD commanded you and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you.

3 Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

4 And now the LORD your God has given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them; therefore now return and go to your tents *and* unto the land of your possessions which Moses the slave of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan.

5 Only that with diligence ye keep yourselves doing the commandment and the law, which Moses, the slave of the LORD, charged you: to love the LORD your God and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cleave unto him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

6 So Joshua, blessing them, sent them; and they went unto their tents.

7 Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manasseh, Moses had given *possession* in Bashan; but unto the *other* half Joshua gave *inheritance* among their brethren on this side of the Jordan to the west. And Joshua also sent these to their tents, after having blessed them,

8 And he spoke unto them, saying, Return with great riches unto your tents and with a great amount of cattle with silver, with gold, with brass, with iron, and with very much clothing; divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.

9 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, departing from the sons of Israel out of Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, of which they were the possessors, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

10 ¶ And when they came unto the borders of the Jordan, which *is* in the land of Canaan, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built an altar there next to the Jordan, a great altar to look upon.

11 And the sons of Israel heard it said, Behold, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of the Jordan, at the passage of the sons of Israel.

12 And when the sons of Israel heard *of it*, the whole congregation of the sons of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them.

13 And the sons of Israel sent unto the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the half tribe of Manasseh into the land of Gilead, Phinehas, the son of Eleazar the priest,

14 and with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one *was* the head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

15 And they came unto the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the half tribe of Manasseh unto the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying,

16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass *is* this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD in that ye have built an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the LORD?

17 *Is* the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, for which there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD?

18 And ye turn away this day from following the LORD; and it will be, *seeing* ye rebel today against the LORD, that tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel.

19 If the land of your possession seems unto you *to be* unclean, *then* pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, in which the LORD's tabernacle dwells and take possession among us; but do not rebel against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building yourselves an altar in addition to the altar of the LORD our God.

20 Peradventure did Achan, the son of Zerah, not commit a trespass in the anathema, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.

21 ¶ Then the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel,

22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knows and let Israel also know; if *it is* in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD (save us not this day)

23 that we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD or if to offer thereon burnt offering or present or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himself require *it*;

24 likewise, if we have not *rather* done it for fear of this thing, saying, Peradventure tomorrow your children shall speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD God of Israel?

25 The LORD has put the Jordan for a border between us and you, O sons of Reuben and sons of Gad; ye have no part in the LORD, so shall your sons make our sons cease from fearing the LORD.

26 Therefore we said, Let us now work to build us an altar, not for burnt offering nor for sacrifice,

27 but *that it may be* a witness between us and you and our generations after us, to do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt offerings and with our sacrifices and with our peace *offerings* that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD.

28 Therefore we said, that it shall be, if they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may reply, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings nor for sacrifices, but *it is* a witness between us and you.

29 Let it never happen that we should rebel against the LORD or that we should turn today from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for presents, or for sacrifices, in addition to the altar of the LORD our God that *is* before his tabernacle.

30 ¶ And when Phinehas the priest and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel who *were* with him, heard the words that the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them.

31 And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar the priest, said unto the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the LORD *is* among us because ye have not intended to trespass against

the LORD. Now ye have delivered the sons of Israel from the wrath of the LORD.

32 And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the sons of Reuben and from the sons of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the sons of Israel and brought them word again.

33 And the thing pleased the sons of Israel; and the sons of Israel blessed God and did not speak again of going up against them in battle to destroy the land in which the sons of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad called the altar *Ed*; for it *is* a witness between us that the LORD *is* God.

Joshua 23

1 ¶ And it came to pass many days after the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about that Joshua waxed old *and* stricken in age.

2 And Joshua called for all Israel *and* for their elders and for their princes and for their judges and for their officers and said unto them, I am old *and* stricken in age;

3 and ye have seen all that the LORD your God has done with all these Gentiles in your presence; for the LORD your God has fought for you.

4 Behold, I have divided unto you as inheritance unto your tribes all these Gentiles, those that remain as well as those that are destroyed, from the Jordan unto the great sea towards the going down of the sun.

5 And the LORD your God, shall expel them from before you and drive them from out of your presence; and ye shall possess their lands, as the LORD your God has promised unto you.

6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses without turning aside *to* the right hand or *to* the left

7 that ye not enter in among these Gentiles that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear *by them*, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them,

8 but cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.

9 For the LORD has driven out from before you great and strong Gentiles; and until now no one has been able to stand before your face.

10 One man of you has chased a thousand; for the LORD your God, he *himself* has fought for you, as he has promised you.

11 ¶ Therefore take heed for your souls that ye love the LORD your God.

12 Because if ye do in any wise go back and cleave unto the remnant of these Gentiles that remain among you and shall make marriages with them and go in unto them and they to you,

13 know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no longer drive out *any of* these Gentiles from before you, but they shall be snares and traps

unto you and scourges in your sides and thorns in your eyes until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

14 And, behold, this day I *am* going the way of all the earth and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one word has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, *and* not one thing has failed thereof.

15 Therefore it shall come to pass *that* as all *the* good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you, so shall the LORD bring upon you all the evil things until he has destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you

16 when ye shall transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, going in and serving other gods and bowing yourselves to them. And the anger of the LORD shall be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he has given unto you.

Joshua 24

1 ¶ And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel and for their princes and for their judges and for their officers, and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Long ago your fathers dwelt on the other side of the river, *even* Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nachor, and they served other gods.

3 And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the river and led him throughout all the land of Canaan and multiplied his generation and gave him Isaac.

4 And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau, and to Esau I gave Mount Seir to possess it; but Jacob and his sons went down into Egypt.

5 I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them; and afterward I brought you out.

6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt; and *when* ye came to the sea, the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red Sea.

7 And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and brought the sea upon them and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt; and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwelt on the other side of the Jordan, and they fought with you, but I delivered them into your hands that ye might possess their land, and I destroyed them from before you.

9 Then Balak, the son of Zippor, king of the Moabites, arose and warred against Israel and sent and called Balaam, the son of Beor, to curse you.

10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam; to the contrary, he blessed you repeatedly, and I delivered you out of his hand.

11 And ye passed the Jordan and came to Jericho; and the lords of Jericho fought against you: the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hands.

12 And I sent hornets before you, which drove them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites, *but* not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.

13 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour and cities which ye did not build, and ye dwell in them and eat of vineyards and oliveyards which ye did not plant.

14 Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in perfection and in truth and put away *from among you* the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the river and in Egypt, and serve ye the LORD.

15 ¶ And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the river or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 Then the people answered and said, May it never happen that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods.

17 For the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt from the house of slavery and who did those great signs in our sight and has kept us in all the way in which we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed.

18 And the LORD drove out from before us all the peoples, *even* the Amorites which dwelt in the land; *therefore*, will we also serve the LORD, for he *is* our God.

19 Then Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD, for he *is* a holy God; he *is* a jealous God; he will not allow your rebellions nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt and consume you, after he has done you good.

21 And the people said unto Joshua, No, but we will serve the LORD.

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *shall be* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We *shall be* witnesses.

23 Now, therefore, take away, the strange gods which *are* among you and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

24 And the people replied unto Joshua, We will serve the LORD our God and hear his voice.

25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and set them statutes and laws in Shechem.

26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and taking a great stone, he set it up there under an oak that *was* in the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD which he spoke unto us: it shall be, therefore, a witness unto you lest ye deny your God.

28 So Joshua sent the people, each one unto his inheritance.

29 ¶ And after these things, Joshua, the son of Nun, the slave of the LORD, died, *being* one hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him within the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which *is* in Mount Ephraim, on the north side of the Mountain of Gaash.

31 And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua and who had known all the works of the LORD that he had done with Israel.

32 And the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel had brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shechem in the part of the field which Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for one hundred ewes, and it became the inheritance of the sons of Joseph.

33 And Eleazar, the son of Aaron, died, and they buried him in the hill of Phinehas, his son, which was given to him in the mountain of Ephraim.

The Book of the
Judges

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Judges 1

1 ¶ Now after the death of Joshua, it came to pass that the sons of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first to fight against them?

2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go up; behold, I have delivered the land into his hands.

3 And Judah said unto Simeon, his brother, Come up with me into my lot that we may fight against the Canaanite; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanite and the Perizzite into their hands, and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

5 And they found Adonibezek in Bezek, and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanite and the Perizzite.

6 But Adonibezek fled, and they pursued after him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 And Adonibezek said, Seventy kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered *crumbs* under my table; as I have done, so God has recompensed me. And they put him into Jerusalem, and there he died.

8 Now the sons of Judah had fought against Jerusalem and had taken it and smitten it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.

9 ¶ And afterward the sons of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanite that dwelt in the mountains and in the Negev and in the plains.

10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron (now the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba), and they slew Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 And from there he went against the inhabitants of Debir (and the name of Debir before was Kirjathsepher).

12 And Caleb said, He that smites Kirjathsepher and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

13 And Othniel, the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

14 And it came to pass when he took her that he persuaded her to ask her father for land to cultivate. And she lighted from off *her* ass, and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou?

15 And she said unto him, Give me a blessing, for thou hast given me a dry land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

16 And the sons of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the sons of Judah into the wilderness of Judah which is towards the Negev of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanite that inhabited Zephath and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah.

18 Also Judah took Gaza with its border and Askelon with its border and Ekron with its border.

19 And the LORD was with Judah, who drove out *the inhabitants of* the mountains, but could not drive out the inhabitants of the plains, because they had chariots of iron.

20 And they gave Hebron unto Caleb as Moses had said, and he expelled from there the three sons of Anak.

21 ¶ And the sons of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; thus the Jebusites dwell with the sons of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

22 And also those of the house of Joseph went up against Bethel, and the LORD *was* with them.

23 And those of the house of Joseph put spies in Bethel (Now the name of the city before *was* Luz).

24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Show us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will show thee mercy.

25 And when he showed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword, but they let the man go and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites and built a city and called the name of it Luz, which *is* its name unto this day.

27 Neither did Manasseh drive out *the inhabitants of* Bethshean and its towns nor Taanach and its towns nor the inhabitants of Dor and its towns nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns; but the Canaanite desired to dwell in that land.

28 And it came to pass when Israel was strong that they put the Canaanites under tribute but did not utterly drive them out.

29 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanite that dwelt in Gezer, but the Canaanite dwelt in Gezer among them.

30 Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron nor the inhabitants of Nahalol, but the Canaanite dwelt among them and became tributaries.

31 Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho nor the inhabitants of Zidon nor of Ahlab nor of Achzib nor of Helbah nor of Aphik nor of Rehob;

32 to the contrary Asher dwelt among the Canaanites that inhabited the land, for they did not drive them out.

33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Bethshemesh nor the inhabitants of Bethanath, but he dwelt among the Canaanites that inhabited the land; nevertheless, the inhabitants of Bethshemesh and of Bethanath became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the sons of Dan into the mountain, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley.

35 And the Amorites desired to dwell in Mount Heres in Aijalon and in Shaalbim; yet when the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, they made them tributaries.

36 And the border of the Amorites was from the ascent to Akrabbim from the rock and upward.

Judges 2

1 ¶ And the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim and said, I brought you up out of Egypt and caused you to enter into the land which I swore unto your fathers, and I said, I will never break my covenant with you

2 as long as ye make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; to the contrary, ye shall throw down their altars, but ye have not heard my voice; why have ye done this?

3 Therefore, I also said, I will not drive them out from before you, but they shall be *as thorns* in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

4 And when the angel of the LORD spoke these words unto all the sons of Israel, the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place Bochim, and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

6 ¶ For Joshua had let the people go, and the sons of Israel had each gone unto his inheritance to possess the land.

7 And the people had served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua who had seen all the great works of the LORD that he had done with Israel.

8 And Joshua, the son of Nun, the slave of the LORD, died, *being* one hundred and ten years old.

9 And they buried him within the border of his inheritance in Timnathheres in the mount of Ephraim on the north side of the mount of Gaash.

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers, and there arose another generation after them which did not know the LORD nor the work which he had done to Israel.

11 And the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baalim.

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the peoples that *were* round about them, and bowed themselves unto them and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsook the LORD and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

14 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

15 Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said and as the LORD had sworn unto them; and thus they were greatly distressed.

16 Nevertheless, the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they fornicated after other gods and bowed themselves unto them; they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers had walked hearing the commandments of the LORD; *but they* did not do so.

18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of that judge; for the LORD repented because of their groanings by reason of those that oppressed them and afflicted them.

19 But when the judge was dead, *then* they would return, and corrupt *themselves* more than their fathers in following other gods to serve them and to bow down unto them; they did not diminish from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.

20 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he said, Because these people transgress my covenant which I commanded their fathers and do not hearken unto my voice;

21 neither will I drive out any longer from before them any of these Gentiles which Joshua left when he died,

22 that through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD by walking therein as their fathers kept *it*, or not.

23 Therefore, the LORD left those Gentiles, without driving them out hastily; neither did he deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

Judges 3

1 ¶ Now these *are* the Gentiles which the LORD left, to prove Israel with them, *even* as many *of Israel* as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

2 *he left them* only that the generations of the sons of Israel might know, *and* to teach them war, only *for those* that had known nothing before:

3 *namely*, five cardinals of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and the Sidonians and the Hivites that dwelt in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baalhermon unto the entering in of Hamath.

4 These, therefore, were *left* to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 And as the sons of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites,

6 they took their daughters to be their wives and gave their daughters to their sons and served their gods.

7 And the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and forgot the LORD their God and served the Baalim and the groves.

8 ¶ Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia, and the sons of Israel served Chushanrishathaim eight years.

9 And when the sons of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a saviour to the sons of Israel, who saved them, *even* Othniel, the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

10 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel and went out to war; and the LORD delivered Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand, and his hand prevailed against Chushanrishathaim.

11 And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel, the son of Kenaz, died.

12 ¶ And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD strengthened Eglon, the king of Moab, against Israel because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

13 And he gathered unto him the sons of Ammon and of Amalek and went and smote Israel and took the city of palm trees.

14 So the sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the sons of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a saviour, Ehud, the son of Gera, a son of Jemini, {Benjamin} a man, who had his right hand impeded, and by him the sons of Israel sent a present unto Eglon, the king of Moab.

16 But Ehud had made himself a two-edged sword of a cubit length, and he girded it under his clothing upon his right thigh.

17 And he brought the present unto Eglon, king of Moab, and Eglon was a very fat man.

18 And when he had offered the present, he sent away the people that had brought the present.

19 But he, himself turned again from the graven images that *were* by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret word for thee, O king, who then said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.

20 And Ehud came unto him, and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a word from God unto thee. Then he arose out of *his* seat.

21 But Ehud put forth his left hand and took the sword from his right thigh and thrust it into Eglon's belly;

22 in such a manner that the haft also went in after the blade, and the fat closed upon the blade so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly, and the excrement came out.

23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch and shut the doors of the parlour upon him and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his slaves came; and when they saw that the doors of the parlour *were* locked, they said, Peradventure he covers his feet in his summer chamber.

25 And having waited until they were confounded and he *had* not opened the doors of the parlour; therefore, they took a key and opened *them*; and, behold, their lord *was* fallen down dead on the earth.

26 But while they had waited, Ehud escaped and passed beyond the graven images and escaped unto Seirath.

27 And as he entered in, he blew the shofar in the mountain of Ephraim, and the sons of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

28 Then he said unto them, Follow after me, for the LORD has delivered your enemies, the Moabites, into your hands. And they went down after him and took the fords of the Jordan towards Moab and did not let anyone pass.

29 And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all fat, and all men of war, and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moab was subjected that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest eighty years.

31 ¶ And after him was Shamgar, the son of Anath, who slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad, and he also saved Israel.

Judges 4

1 ¶ But the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD when Ehud was dead.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin, king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor, the captain of whose host *was* Sisera, and he dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

3 And the sons of Israel cried unto the LORD, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and he had mightily oppressed the sons of Israel for twenty years.

4 ¶ And a woman judged Israel at that time, Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth.

5 This Deborah dwelt under a palm tree between Ramah and Bethel in Mount Ephraim, and the sons of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 And she sent and called Barak, the son of Abinoam, out of Kedesh of Naphtali and said unto him, Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded thee, *saying*, Go and draw toward Mount Tabor and take with thee ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun?

7 And I will draw Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, unto thee to the river Kishon, with his chariots and his multitude, and I will deliver him into thy hands.

8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go.

9 And *she* said, I will surely go with thee, but thy honour shall not be in the way that thou goest; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 ¶ And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and he went up with ten thousand men on foot, and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber, the Kenite, of the sons of Hobab, the father-in-law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which *is* by Kedesh.

12 And the news came unto Sisera that Barak, the son of Abinoam, was gone up to Mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, *even* nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that *were* with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

14 Then Deborah said unto Barak, Rise up, for this *is* the day in which the LORD has delivered Sisera into thy hands. Is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from Mount Tabor and ten thousand men after him.

15 And the LORD broke Sisera and all *his* chariots and all *his* host with the edge of the sword before Barak so that Sisera lighted down off *his* chariot and fled away on foot.

16 But Barak pursued after the chariots and after the host unto Harosheth of the Gentiles, and all the camp of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword, *and* there was not a man left.

17 ¶ And Sisera fled on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for *there was* peace between Jabin, the king of Hazor, and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a thick coverlet.

19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink, for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk and gave him to drink and covered him again.

20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and if anyone should come and enquire of thee and say, Is there anyone here? Thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Jael, Heber's wife, took the tent stake, and putting a hammer in her hand, went softly unto him and smote the stake into his temples and fastened it into the ground, for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

22 And as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he entered into where she was, behold, Sisera lay dead with the stake through his temples.

23 So God subjected on that day Jabin, the king of Canaan, before the sons of Israel.

24 And the hand of the sons of Israel began to prosper and to prevail against Jabin, the king of Canaan until they had destroyed him.

Judges 5

1 ¶ Then sang Deborah with Barak, the son of Abinoam, on that day, saying,
2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

3 Hear, O ye kings. Give ear, O ye princes; I, *even* I, will sing unto the LORD; I will praise the LORD God of Israel.

4 LORD, when thou didst go out of Seir, when thou didst march out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped; the clouds also dropped water.

5 The mountains melted from before the LORD, *even* that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.

6 ¶ In the days of Shamgar, the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways ceased, and those that walked went *astray* through crooked paths.

7 *The inhabitants of* the villages ceased; they had ceased in Israel until I Deborah arose, I arose a mother in Israel.

8 When they chose new gods, the war *was* at the gates. Was there a shield or spear to be seen among forty thousand in Israel?

9 My heart *is* toward the princes of Israel, those that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.

10 Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that preside in judgment, and walk by the way.

11 Because of the noise of archers, *taken from* among those that draw water, there they shall retell the righteousnesses of the LORD, *even* the righteousnesses of his villages in Israel. Now shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

12 ¶ Rise up, rise up, Deborah; rise up, rise up, sing a song. Stand up, Barak and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

13 Now he has made the remnant of the people to have dominion over the magnificent; the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

14 Out of Ephraim came his root against Amalek; after thee, *came* Benjamin, against thy peoples; out of Machir came down princes; and from Zebulun, those that handle the pen of the writer.

15 Also princes of Issachar *were* with Deborah; and Issachar, like Barak, went on foot into the valley. From the divisions of Reuben, great are the thoughts of the heart.

16 Why didst thou abide among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? From the divisions of Reuben great are the searchings of the heart.

17 Gilead remained on the other side of the Jordan, and why did Dan remain next to the ships? Asher continued on the sea shore and remained in his breaches.

18 Zebulun and Naphtali *were* a people *that* jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

19 The kings came *and* fought; then the kings of Canaan fought in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of money.

20 They fought from the heavens; the stars from their ways fought against Sisera.

21 The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. Tread down, O my soul, with strength.

22 Then were the hoofs of the horses broken by the means of the pransings, the pransings of their mighty ones.

23 Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof because they did not come to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

24 ¶ Blessed above women shall Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, be; blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

25 He asked water, *and* she gave *him* milk; she brought forth cream in a lordly dish.

26 She put her hand to the stake, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer, and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down; at her feet he bowed, he fell; where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

28 The mother of Sisera looked out the window and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why do the wheels of his chariots tarry?

29 Her wise princesses answered her; and she even answered to herself,

30 Have they not found spoil and are dividing it? To each man a damsel *or* two; to Sisera a spoil of different colours, a spoil of different colours of needlework, of different colours of needlework on both sides, *meet* for the necks of *those that take* the spoil?

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD, but *let* those that love thee *be* as the sun when he rises in all his might. And the land had rest forty years.

Judges 6

1 ¶ And the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hands of Midian for seven years.

2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel, *and* because of the Midianites the sons of Israel made dens in the mountains and caves and strongholds.

3 For when those of Israel had sown, the Midianites would come up and the Amalekites and the sons of the east. They would come up against them

4 and encamp against them and destroy the fruits of the earth as far as Gaza, and they would leave nothing to eat in Israel neither sheep nor ox nor ass.

5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents in a great multitude like locusts, for there *was* no number in them nor in their camels, and they would enter into the land destroying it.

6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the sons of Israel cried unto the LORD.

7 ¶ And when the sons of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites,

8 the LORD sent a prophet unto the sons of Israel who said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt and brought you forth out of the house of slavery;

9 I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all that oppressed you and drove them out from before you and gave you their land;

10 and I said unto you, I *am* the LORD your God; do not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell, but ye have not heard my voice.

11 ¶ And the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak which *was* in Ophrah that *pertained* unto Joash, the Abiezrite, and his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, to hide *it* from the Midianites.

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD *is* with us, why then has all this befallen us? And where *are* all his miracles which our

fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

14 And the LORD looked upon him and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Do I not send thee?

15 Then he replied unto him, Oh my Lord, with what shall I save Israel? Behold, my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house.

16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then show me a sign that thou hast spoken with me.

18 Do not depart from here, I pray thee, until I come unto thee and bring forth my present and set *it* before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

19 And Gideon went in and made ready a kid and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour; the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot and brought *it* out unto him under the oak and presented *it*.

20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes and lay *them* upon this rock and pour out the broth. And he did so.

21 Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

22 And when Gideon perceived that he *was* the angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face.

23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace *be* unto thee; do not fear, thou shalt not die.

24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD and called it The LORD is the Peace, {YHWH-shalom} unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25 ¶ And it came to pass the same night that the LORD said unto him, Take a bullock of thy father's *house* and a second bullock seven years old and

throw down the altar of Baal that thy father has and cut down the grove that *is* by it

26 and build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, according to *due* order, and take the second bullock and offer a burnt sacrifice upon the wood of the grove which thou shall have cut down.

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his slaves and did as the LORD had said unto him. But he feared to do it by day because of his father's family and the men of the city, so he did *it* by night.

28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that *was* by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar *that was* built.

29 And they said one to another, Who has done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon, the son of Joash, has done this thing.

30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son that he may die because he has cast down the altar of Baal and because he has cut down the grove that *was* by it.

31 And Joash replied unto all that stood against him, Will ye contend for Baal? Will ye save him? Whoever will contend for him, let him be put to death while *it is yet* morning; if he *is* God, let him contend for himself with the one who has cast down his altar.

32 Therefore, on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal contend against him because he has thrown down his altar.

33 ¶ Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the sons of the east gathered themselves together as one and went over and pitched camp in the valley of Jezreel.

34 And the Spirit of the LORD clothed himself in Gideon, who when he had blown the shofar, Abiezer joined with him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh who also joined with him; *likewise* he sent messengers unto Asher and unto Zebulun and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

36 And Gideon said unto God, Wilt thou save Israel by my hand as thou hast said?

37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the threshing floor; *and* if the dew is on the fleece only and *it is* dry upon all the earth *beside it*, then I shall

know that thou wilt save Israel by my hand as thou hast said.

38 And it was so, for he rose up early in the morning, and wringing the fleece, he took the dew out of it, a bowl full of water.

39 But Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me if I speak again on this occasion; only let me prove again now with the fleece. I pray thee, let it be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did so that night for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

Judges 7

1 ¶ Then Jerubbaal, who *is* Gideon, and all the people that *were* with him rose up early and pitched camp beside the well of Harod so that the camp of the Midianites was on the north, on the other side of the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, My own hand has saved me.

3 Now, therefore, cause it to be proclaimed in the ears of the people, saying, Whoever *is* fearful and trembling, let him return and depart early from Mount Gilead. And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.

4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there; and it shall be *that* of whom I say unto thee, This *one* shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whoever I say unto thee, This *one* shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

5 So he brought the people down unto the water, and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that laps of the water with his tongue as a dog laps, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that bows down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of those that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men; but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink the water.

7 Then the LORD said unto Gideon, With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and deliver the Midianites into thy hand; and let all the *other* people go each one to his place.

8 And having taken provision for the people in his hands with their shofarot; he sent all *the other* Israelites each one to his tent and retained those three hundred men, and the camp of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise and descend to the camp, for I have delivered it in thy hands.

10 But if thou art afraid to go down, go with Phurah thy servant down to the camp,

11 and thou shalt hear what they say; and then thy hands shall be strengthened, and thou shalt go down to the camp. Then he went down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that *were* in the camp.

12 And Midian and Amalek and all the sons of the east lay along in the valley like locusts in multitude, and their camels *were* not numbered as the sand by the sea side for multitude.

13 And when Gideon arrived, behold, a man was telling a dream to his fellow, saying, Behold, I dreamed a dream that I saw a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and come unto the tents, and it smote them so that they fell and overturned them, and the tents fell.

14 And his fellow answered and said, This *is* nothing else but the sword of Gideon, the son of Joash, a man of Israel, *for* God has delivered the Midianites with all the camp into his hand.

15 And when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshipped; and when he had returned into the camp of Israel, he said, Arise, for the LORD has delivered the camp of Midian into your hands.

16 ¶ And dividing the three hundred men *into* three companies, he put a shofar in each man's hand with empty pitchers and torches burning within the pitchers.

17 And he said unto them, Look at me and do as I do; and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, as I do, so shall ye do.

18 I shall blow the shofar, I and all that *are* with me, then ye shall blow the shofarot on every side of all the camp, and say, I AM The Hewer! {YHWH-Gideon}

19 So Gideon and the hundred men that *were* with him came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch *when* only the guards *were* awake, and they blew the shofarot and broke the pitchers that *were* in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the shofarot; and breaking the pitchers, they held the torches in their left hands and the shofarot in their right hands to blow *with*; and they cried, The sword of I AM The Hewer! {YHWH-Gideon}

21 And they stood in their places round about the camp; and all the camp was routed, and they fled crying out.

22 But the three hundred blew the shofarot, and the LORD set each man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the camp; and the host fled to Bethshittah in Zererath *and* to the border of Abelmeholah unto Tabbath.

23 ¶ And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali and out of Asher and out of all Manasseh and pursued after the Midianites.

24 Gideon also sent messengers throughout all Mount Ephraim, saying, Come down against the Midianites and take before them the waters unto Bethbarah and the Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together and took the waters unto Bethbarah and the Jordan.

25 And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb; and *after they* pursued Midian, they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side of the Jordan.

Judges 8

1 ¶ And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus that thou didst not call us when thou didst go to fight against Midian? And they chided with him sharply.

2 And he replied unto them, What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?

3 God has delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb, and what was I able to do in comparison with you? Then their anger was abated toward him when he spoke that word.

4 ¶ And Gideon came to pass the Jordan, he and the three hundred men that *were* with him, faint from the pursuit.

5 And he said unto those of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they *are* faint *that I may* pursue after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

6 And the principals of Succoth said, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thy hand that we should give bread unto thy army?

7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the LORD has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns and the briers of the wilderness.

8 And he went up from there to Penuel and spoke unto them likewise; and those of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered *him*.

9 And he spoke also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand *men*, all that were left of all the hosts of the sons of the east, for one hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword *had been* slain.

11 And Gideon went up by the way of those that dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah and smote the camp, for the camp was secure.

12 And as Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna and terrified all the host.

13 And Gideon, the son of Joash, returned from the battle before the sun was up

14 and caught a young man of the men of Succoth and enquired of him; and he described unto him the principals of Succoth and the elders thereof, seventy-seven men.

15 And he came unto the men of Succoth and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, *Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thy hand, that we should give bread unto thy men that are weary?*

16 And he took the elders of the city and thorns and briars of the wilderness, and with them he taught the men of Succoth.

17 Likewise he beat down the tower of Penuel and slew the men of the city.

18 ¶ Then he said unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men *were those* whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou *art*, so *were* they; each one resembled the sons of a king.

19 And he said, They *were* my brethren, the sons of my mother; *as* the LORD lives, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.

20 And he said unto Jether his firstborn, Rise up *and* slay them. But the youth did not draw his sword, for he feared because he *was* yet a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou and fall upon us, for as the man *is*, so *is* his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna and took away the ornaments that *were* on their camels' necks.

22 ¶ Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou and thy son and thy son's son also, for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian.

23 But Gideon replied, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you; the LORD shall rule over you.

24 And Gideon said unto them, I desire to make a request of you that ye each one would give me the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings because they *were* Ishmaelites.)

25 And they answered, We will willingly give *them*. And they spread a garment, and each one cast therein the earrings of his prey.

26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand seven hundred *shekels* of gold, without the ornaments and collars and

purple clothing that *was* on the kings of Midian and without the chains that *were* about their camels' necks.

27 And Gideon made an ephod of them and kept it in his city of Ophrah, and all Israel fornicated after it in that place, and it became a snare unto Gideon and to his house.

28 Thus Midian was broken before the sons of Israel so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the land rested forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 ¶ And Jerubbaal, the son of Joash, went and dwelt in his own house.

30 And Gideon had seventy sons that came out of his loins, for he had many wives.

31 And his concubine that *was* in Shechem, she also bore him a son, whose name he called Abimelech.

32 And Gideon, the son of Joash, died in a good old age and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash, his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 And it came to pass as soon as Gideon was dead that the sons of Israel turned again and fornicated after the Baalim and made Baalberith their god.

34 And the sons of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side,

35 neither were they merciful with the house of Jerubbaal, *namely*, Gideon, according to all the good which he had done unto Israel.

Judges 9

1 ¶ And Abimelech, the son of Jerubbaal, went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren and spoke with them and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, What would *seem* better unto you, that seventy persons reign over you, all the sons of Jerubbaal; or that one reign over you? Remember also that I *am* your bone and your flesh.

3 And his mother's brethren spoke for him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words, and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, He *is* our brother.

4 And they gave him seventy *shekels* of silver out of the house of Baalberith, with which Abimelech hired vain and light men who followed him.

5 And coming unto his father's house at Ophrah, he slew his brethren, the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy persons, upon a stone; yet Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, was left, for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together with all the house of Millo {Heb. the congregation} and went and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that *was* in Shechem.

7 ¶ And when they told *it* to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of Mount Gerizim and lifted up his voice and cried and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

8 The trees went forth to anoint a king over them, and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us.

9 But the olive tree replied, Should I leave my fatness, which because of me, God and man are honoured, to go and sway over the trees?

10 And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou *and* reign over us.

11 But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness and my good fruit to go and sway over the trees?

12 Then the trees said unto the vine, Come thou *and* reign over us.

13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheers God and man, to go and sway over the trees?

14 Then all the trees said unto the bramble, Come thou *and* reign over us.

15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, *then* come *and* confide under my shadow; and if not, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

16 Now therefore, if ye have proceeded with truth and integrity in making Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house and have recompensed him according to the work of his hands

17 (For my father fought for you and cast his life far *from him* to deliver you out of the hand of Midian;

18 and ye are risen up against my father's house this day and have slain his sons, seventy men, upon a stone and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem because he *is* your brother;)

19 if ye then have dealt in truth and integrity with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, *then* rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.

20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and devour the men of Shechem and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem and from the house of Millo and devour Abimelech.

21 And Jotham ran away and fled and went to Beer and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

22 ¶ When Abimelech had dominated over Israel three years,

23 then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem, and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech

24 that the cruelty *done* to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal and their blood might come to be laid upon Abimelech their brother who slew them and upon the men of Shechem, who aided him in the killing of his brethren.

25 And the men of Shechem set ambushers for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them; and it was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal, the son of Ebed, came with his brethren and went over to Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

27 And they went out into the fields and gathered their vineyards and trod *the grapes* and made merry and went into the house of their gods and ate

and drank and cursed Abimelech.

28 And Gaal, the son of Ebed, said, Who *is* Abimelech and who *is* Shechem that we should serve him? Is *he* not the son of Jerubbaal? And is not Zebul his deputy? Serve the men of Hamor, the father of Shechem. For why should we serve him?

29 If these people were under my hand, then I would remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army and come out.

30 And when Zebul, the prince of the city, heard the words of Gaal, the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.

31 And he sent messengers unto Abimelech astutely, saying, Behold, Gaal, the son of Ebed, and his brethren have come to Shechem; and, behold, they have fortified the city against thee.

32 Now, therefore, rise up by night, thou and the people that *are* with thee, and put an ambush in the field.

33 And in the morning as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early and set upon the city; and, behold, *when* he and the people that *are* with him come out against thee, then thou may do to them as thou shalt find occasion.

34 And Abimelech rose up and all the people that *were* with him, by night, and they put an ambush against Shechem in four companies.

35 And Gaal, the son of Ebed, went out and stood in the entering of the gate of the city; and Abimelech and all the people that *were* with him rose up from the ambush.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold people that come down from the tops of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as *if they were* men.

37 And Gaal spoke again and said, See there come people who descend through the middle of the land, and another company comes along by the plain of Meonenim.

38 Then Zebul said unto him, Where *is* now thy mouth, with which thou didst say, Who *is* Abimelech that we should serve him? *Is* not this the people that thou hast despised? Go out now and fight with them.

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown *and* wounded, *even* unto the entering of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah; and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to pass on the next day that the people went out into the field, and they told Abimelech.

43 And he took the people and divided them into three companies and set ambushes in the field and looked, and, behold, the people *were* come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them and smote them.

44 And Abimelech and the company that *was* with him rushed forward and stood in the entering of the gate of the city, and the two *other* companies ran upon all *the people* that *were* in the fields and slew them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, and he took the city and slew the people that *were* therein and beat down the city and sowed it with salt.

46 And when those of the tower of Shechem heard *that*, they entered into the stronghold of the temple of the god Berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech how all those of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 Then Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people that *were* with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand and cut down a bough from the trees and took it and laid *it* on his shoulder and said unto the people that *were* with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste *and* do as I *have done*.

49 And all the people likewise cut down each one his bough and followed Abimelech and put *them* next to the stronghold and set the stronghold on fire upon them; so that all those of the tower of Shechem died, about a thousand men and women.

50 ¶ Then Abimelech went to Thebez and laid siege against Thebez and took it.

51 But in the midst of the city there was a strong tower, and all the men and women fled there, and all those of the city, and shutting *the doors* behind them, they climbed up to the top of the tower.

52 And Abimelech came to the tower, and fighting against it, he came to the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

53 But a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head and crushed his skull.

54 Then he called hastily unto the young man, his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword and slay me that it not be said of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

55 And when the Israelites saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed each one unto his place.

56 Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did against his father in slaying his seventy brethren.

57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem God rendered upon their heads, and upon them came the curse of Jotham, the son of Jerubbaal.

Judges 10

1 ¶ And after Abimelech there arose to save Israel, Tola, the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in Mount Ephraim.

2 And he judged Israel twenty-three years and died and was buried in Shamir.

3 And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, who judged Israel twenty-two years.

4 And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called the cities of Jair unto this day, which *are* in the land of Gilead.

5 And Jair died and was buried in Camon.

6 ¶ And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD and served the Baalim and Ashtaroth and the gods of Syria and the gods of Zidon and the gods of Moab and the gods of the sons of Ammon and the gods of the Philistines and forsook the LORD and did not serve him.

7 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines and into the hands of the sons of Ammon,

8 who dashed in pieces and crushed the sons of Israel for eighteen years, all the sons of Israel that *were* on the other side of the Jordan in the land of the Amorite, which *is* in Gilead.

9 Moreover the sons of Ammon passed over the Jordan to fight also against Judah and against Benjamin and against the house of Ephraim so that Israel was sore distressed.

10 ¶ And the sons of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee because we have forsaken our God and served the Baalim.

11 And the LORD replied unto the sons of Israel, Were you not oppressed by Egypt, by the Amorites, by the sons of Ammon, by the Philistines,

12 by those of Zidon, by Amalek, and by Maon, and ye cried to me and I delivered you out of their hands?

13 Yet ye have forsaken me and served other gods; therefore, I will deliver you no more.

14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your affliction.

15 And the sons of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned; do thou unto us whatever seems good unto thee; only deliver us now, we pray thee, this day.

16 And they put away the strange gods from among them and served the LORD; and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

17 Then the sons of Ammon were gathered together and encamped in Gilead. And likewise the sons of Israel assembled themselves together and encamped in Mizpeh.

18 And the people *and* princes of Gilead said one to another, Who shall it be that will begin the battle against the sons of Ammon? He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

Judges 11

1 ¶ Now Jephthah existed then, a Gileadite, a mighty man of valour, the son of a harlot unto whom Gilead had begat a son.

2 And Gilead's wife bore him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they threw Jephthah out and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house, for thou *art* the son of a strange woman.

3 Then Jephthah fled from his brethren and dwelt in the land of Tob; and vain men joined themselves to Jephthah and went out with him.

4 ¶ And it came to pass after *some* days that the sons of Ammon made war against Israel.

5 And when the sons of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob;

6 and they said unto Jephthah, Come, and thou shalt be our captain that we may fight with the sons of Ammon.

7 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me and expel me out of my father's house? Why, therefore, are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?

8 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, For this same reason we turn again to thee now that thou may go with us and fight against the sons of Ammon and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 Then Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the sons of Ammon and the LORD delivers them before me, shall I be your head?

10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Let the LORD hear between us, if we do not comply with thy words.

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and prince over them; and Jephthah spoke all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.

12 ¶ And Jephthah sent ambassadors unto the king of the sons of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me that thou art come against me to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the sons of Ammon replied unto the ambassadors of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok and unto the Jordan; now, therefore, restore those *lands* again peaceably.

14 Then Jephthah sent ambassadors again unto the king of the sons of Ammon,

15 saying unto him, Thus hath Jephthah said, Israel did not take land from Moab, nor land from the sons of Ammon,

16 but Israel came up from Egypt and walked through the wilderness unto the Red Sea and came to Kadesh.

17 Then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land. But the king of Edom would not hear them. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab, but he would not *consent* either; therefore Israel abode in Kadesh.

18 Then they went along through the wilderness and went around the land of Edom and the land of Moab and came by the side of the rising of the sun to the land of Moab; they pitched their camp on the other side of Arnon and did not enter within the border of Moab, for Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon, king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land into my place.

20 But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his border; but Sihon gathered all his people together and pitched camp in Jahaz and fought against Israel.

21 But the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them; so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorite that inhabited that land.

22 And they possessed all the border of the Amorites from Arnon even unto Jabbok and from the wilderness even unto the Jordan.

23 So now the LORD God of Israel has expelled the Amorites from before his people Israel and should thou possess it?

24 If Chemosh thy god should expel anyone for you, would thou not possess it? So whoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

25 Art thou better now in any thing than Balak, the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Peradventure did he ever strive against Israel? Peradventure did he ever fight against them?

26 Furthermore, Israel has dwelt in Heshbon and her towns and in Aroer and her towns and in all the cities that *are* along by the coasts of Arnon, for three hundred years. Why, therefore, did ye not recover *them* within that time?

27 Therefore, I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me; let the LORD, who is the Judge, judge this day between the sons of Israel and the sons of Ammon.

28 But the king of the sons of Ammon did not hear the reasons of Jephthah which he sent him.

29 ¶ Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh and passed through Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he went *unto* the sons of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the sons of Ammon into my hands,

31 whoever comes forth of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the sons of Ammon shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer them up for a burnt offering.

32 So Jephthah went over unto the sons of Ammon to fight against them, and the LORD delivered them into his hands.

33 And he smote them from Aroer, even unto Minnith twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the sons of Ammon were subdued before the sons of Israel.

34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances; and she *was his* only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of those that trouble me, for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.

36 And she said unto him, My father, *if* thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which has proceeded out of thy mouth,

forasmuch as the LORD has taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies,
even of the sons of Ammon.

37 And she said again unto her father, Let this thing be done for me; let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains and bewail my virginity, I and my companions.

38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away *for* two months, and she went with her companions and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

39 And it came to pass at the end of two months that she returned unto her father, who did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed. And she had never known a man. From here came the custom in Israel

40 *that* the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah, the Gileadite, four days in a year.

Judges 12

1 ¶ And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together towards the Aquilon and said unto Jephthah, Why didst thou go over to fight against the sons of Ammon and didst not call us to go with thee? We will burn thy house upon thee with fire.

2 And Jephthah replied unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the sons of Ammon, and when I called you, ye did not defend me from their hands.

3 Seeing, therefore, that ye did not defend *me*, I put my life in my hands and went over against the sons of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand. Why then have ye come up against me this day to fight with me?

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim; and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim because they had said, Ye *are* fugitives of Ephraim; ye are Gileadites among Ephraim and Manasseh.

5 And the Gileadites took the passages of the Jordan from Ephraim; and it was *such* that when any of those of Ephraim who had escaped would say, May I pass? The men of Gilead would ask them, *Art* thou an Ephrathite? If he said, No;

6 then they would say unto him, Now say Shibboleth. {Heb. a flowing stream} And he would say Sibboleth; {Heb. an ear of wheat} for he could not pronounce *it* the same. Then they would take him and slay him at the passages of the Jordan. And at that time forty-two thousand of those of Ephraim fell.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead.

8 ¶ After him Ibzan, of Bethlehem, judged Israel,

9 who had thirty sons and thirty daughters, *whom* he married abroad and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

10 Then Ibzan died and was buried at Bethlehem.

11 And after him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel, and he judged Israel ten years.

12 And Elon, the Zebulonite, died and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

13 And after him Abdon, the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel.

14 And he had forty sons and thirty grandsons that rode on seventy he asses, and he judged Israel eight years.

15 And Abdon, the son of Hillel the Pirathonite, died and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim in the mount of Amalek.

Judges 13

1 ¶ And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of Dan, whose name *was* Manoah, and his wife *was* barren, (she had never born children).

3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto this woman and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren and hast had no children, but thou shalt conceive and bear a son.

4 Now keep thyself and drink no wine nor strong drink and eat no unclean thing.

5 For thou shalt conceive and bear a son, and no razor shall come on his head, for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb; and he shall begin to save Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible; but I did not ask him where he *was* from, neither did he tell me his name;

7 but he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive and bear a son, and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*; for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 ¶ Then Manoah prayed unto the LORD and said, O my Lord, let the man of God whom thou didst send come again unto us and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah, and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field, but Manoah her husband *was* not with her.

10 And the woman made haste and ran and told her husband and said unto him, Behold, the man that came unto me has appeared unto me today.

11 And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said unto him, *Art* thou the man that spoke unto this woman? And he said, I *am*.

12 Then Manoah said, Now let thy word come to pass. How shall we order the child, and what shall he do?

13 And the angel of the LORD replied unto Manoah, Let the woman keep herself from all that I said.

14 She may not eat of any *thing* that comes of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing*; all that I commanded her let her keep.

15 ¶ And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

16 And the angel of the LORD replied unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread, but if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, sacrifice it unto the LORD. For Manoah did not know that this was the angel of the LORD.

17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What *is* thy name that when thy words come to pass we may honour thee?

18 And the angel of the LORD replied, Why dost thou ask for my name? It *is* wonderful.

19 So Manoah took a kid with a present and sacrificed *it* upon a rock unto the LORD, and *the angel* did wondrously, and Manoah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar as Manoah and his wife looked on, and they prostrated themselves on the ground on their faces.

21 But the angel of the LORD did not appear any more to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he *was* the angel of the LORD.

22 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die because we have seen God.

23 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD had desired to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and the present from our hands, neither would he have showed us all these *things*, nor would he have announced this according to the time.

24 ¶ And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to manifest himself at times in him in the camps of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Judges 14

1 ¶ And as Samson went down to Timnath, he saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 And he came up and told his father and his mother, saying, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren or among all my people that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleases me well.

4 But his father and his mother did not know that it *was* of the LORD that he sought an occasion against the Philistines, for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

5 Then Samson went down with his father and his mother to Timnath, and when they came to the vineyards of Timnath, behold, a young lion came roaring against him.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* nothing in his hand, but *he* did not make known unto his father or his mother what he had done.

7 And he went down and talked with the woman, and she pleased Samson well.

8 And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside *from the way* to see the carcase of the lion; and, behold, *there was* a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion.

9 And he took of it in his hands and went along the way eating, and when he came to his father and mother, he also gave them some to eat, but he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.

10 ¶ So his father went down unto the woman; and Samson made a banquet there, for the young men used to do so.

11 And when they saw him, they brought thirty companions to be with him, 12 unto whom Samson said, I will now put forth an enigma unto you, which if ye can declare it and discover it to me within the seven days of the

banquet, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty changes of garments.

13 But if ye cannot declare *it* to me, then ye shall give me thirty sheets and thirty changes of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy enigma that we may hear it.

14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth food, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not declare the enigma in three days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband that he may declare unto us this enigma lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire. Have ye called us here to impoverish us?

16 And Samson's wife wept before him and said, Thou dost only hate me and dost not love me, for thou hast not declared unto me the enigma that thou hast put forth unto the sons of my people. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told *it* to my father nor my mother, and must I tell *it* to thee?

17 And she wept before him the seven days while their banquet lasted, but on the seventh day, he told her, because she lay sore upon him, and she declared the enigma to the sons of her people.

18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What *is* sweeter than honey? And what *is* stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye would have never discovered my enigma.

19 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and slew thirty men of them and taking their spoil, he gave the changes of garments to those who had explained the enigma. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

20 But Samson's wife was *given* to his companion, who had fed him *before*.

Judges 15

1 ¶ But it came to pass within *some* days in the time of wheat harvest that Samson visited his wife with a kid, and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not allow him to go in.

2 And her father said, I was persuaded that thou didst utterly hate her; therefore, I gave her to thy companion. *Is* not her younger sister fairer than she? Take her, I pray thee, instead of her.

3 And Samson replied unto them, Now I shall be blameless before the Philistines if I do them injury.

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turning them tail to tail, he put a torch between every two tails.

5 Then, setting the torches on fire, he let *them* go into the standing grain of the Philistines and burnt up both the shocks and also the standing grain with the vineyards *and* oliveyards.

6 Then the Philistines said, Who has done this? And they answered, Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up and burnt her and her father with fire.

7 And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet I will be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.

8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter, and he went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock Etam.

9 ¶ Then the Philistines went up and pitched camp in Judah and spread themselves in Lehi.

10 And the men of Judah said, Why have ye come up against us? And they answered, We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he has done to us.

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went to the cleft of the rock Etam and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines *are* rulers over us? What *is* this *that* thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

12 And they said unto him, We have come to bind thee that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me that ye will not fall upon me yourselves.

13 And they answered him, saying, No, we will bind thee fast and deliver thee into their hands; but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords and brought him up from the rock.

14 *And* when he came unto Lehi, {Heb. jaw} the Philistines received him with shouts; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that *were* upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass and put forth his hand and took it and slew a thousand men with it.

16 Then Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, one heap, two heaps; with the jaw of an ass I have slain a thousand men.

17 And when he had finished speaking, he cast away the jawbone out of his hand and called that place Ramathlehi. {Heb. the lifting up of the jaw}

18 ¶ And he was sore athirst and called on the LORD and said, Thou hast given this great salvation by the hand of thy slave; and now shall I die for thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

19 Then God broke a tooth that *was* in the jaw, and water came out there; and he drank, and recovered his spirit, and he lived. Therefore he called the name thereof Enhakkore, {Heb. the fountain of he who called} which is in Lehi unto this day.

20 And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

Judges 16

1 ¶ Then Samson went to Gaza and saw a harlot there and went in unto her.

2 And it was told unto those of Gaza, Samson is come here. And they compassed *him* in and laid in wait for him all night in the gate of the city and were quiet all that night, saying, In the morning when it is light, we shall kill him.

3 And Samson slept until midnight and arose at midnight and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders and carried them up to the top of the mountain that *is* before Hebron.

4 ¶ And it came to pass afterward that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah.

5 And the cardinals of the Philistines came up unto her and said unto her, Entice him and see what *gives him* his great strength and by what *means* we may overcome him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and each one of us will give thee eleven hundred *pieces* of silver.

6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, what *gives thee* thy great strength and how might thou be bound to afflict thee.

7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green wicker *strands* that were never dried, then I shall become weak and be as any other man.

8 Then the cardinals of the Philistines brought up to her seven green wicker *strands* which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

9 Now *there were* men lying in wait in a chamber of her house. And she said unto him, The Philistines *are* upon thee, Samson. And he broke the wicker *strands* as a thread of tow is broken when it touches the fire. So *the secret of* his strength was not known.

10 Then Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me and told me lies; now tell me, I pray thee, how thou might be bound.

11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then I shall become weak and be as any *other* man.

12 Delilah therefore took new ropes and bound him with them and said unto him, The Philistines *are* upon thee, Samson. And *there were men* lying in wait abiding in a chamber. But he broke them from off his arms like a thread.

13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Until now thou hast mocked me, and told me lies. Tell me, therefore, now, how thou might be bound. Then he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the cloth.

14 And she fastened *it* with the stake and said unto him, The Philistines *are* upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep and went away with the stake of the loom and with the cloth.

15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thy heart *is* not with me? Thou hast mocked me these three times and hast not yet told me what *gives thee* thy great strength.

16 And it came to pass that, pressing and grinding him daily with her words, his soul *was reduced* unto mortal anguish.

17 *Therefore*, he told her all his heart and said unto her, A razor has never come upon my head, for I *am* a Nazarite of God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak and be like any *other* man.

18 ¶ And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the cardinals of the Philistines, saying, Come up this time, for he has showed me all his heart. Then the cardinals of the Philistines came up unto her and brought the money in their hand.

19 And she caused him to sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines *are* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep and said, This time I will go out like before and escape; not knowing that the LORD had departed from him.

21 But the Philistines took hold of him and put out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with fetters of iron that he should grind in the prison house.

22 ¶ And the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

23 *Then* the cardinals of the Philistines gathered themselves together to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god and to rejoice, for they said, Our god

has delivered Samson our enemy into our hands.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god, for they said, Our god has delivered our enemy into our hands, the destroyer of our country, who slew many of us.

25 And it came to pass when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson that he may make us laugh. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport, and they set him between the pillars.

26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Bring me near and let me feel the pillars upon which the house stands that I may lean upon them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the cardinals of the Philistines *were* there, and upon the roof *there were* about three thousand men and women that beheld while Samson was mocked.

28 Then Samson called unto the LORD and said, O Lord GOD, remember me now and strengthen me now only this once, O God, that I may take vengeance at once of the Philistines for my two eyes.

29 Then Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood and on which it was borne up, and leaned upon them, on the one with his right hand and on the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he pushed with *all his* might, and the house fell upon the cardinals and upon all the people that *were* in it. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than *those* which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down and took him and brought *him* up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the sepulchre of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

Judges 17

1 ¶ And there was a man of Mount Ephraim, whose name *was* Micah.

2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were stolen from thee, about which thou didst curse in my hearing, behold, the silver *is* with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed *be thou* of the LORD, my son.

3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had completely dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for thee, my son, to make thee a graven image and a molten image; now therefore, I will restore it unto thee.

4 After the money was restored unto her, his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image, which was *set up* in the house of Micah.

5 And the man Micah had a brothel of idolatry, {Heb. house of gods} and made an ephod and teraphim {the vessels, clothing and instruments pertaining to idol worship} and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

6 In those days *there was* no king in Israel; each one did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

7 ¶ And there was a young man out of Bethlehem of Judah of the family of Judah, who *was* a Levite, and he sojourned there.

8 And the man had departed out of the city from Bethlehem of Judah to sojourn where he could find *a place*, and he came to Mount Ephraim to the house of Micah as he journeyed.

9 And Micah said unto him, From where hast thou come? And he said unto him, I *am* a Levite of Bethlehem of Judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find *a place*.

10 Then Micah said unto him, Dwell with me and be a father and a priest unto me, and I will give thee ten *shekels* of silver by the year and the ordinary apparel and thy food. So the Levite went in.

11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man, and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.

12 And Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest and was in the house of Micah.

13 Then Micah said, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite as my priest.

Judges 18

1 ¶ In those days *there was* no king in Israel, and in those days the tribe of the Dan sought a possession for themselves to dwell in, for unto that day *their lot* had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel for an inheritance.

2 And the sons of Dan sent five men from their family of their borders, men of valour, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to search it, and they said unto them, Go, search the land. These came unto Mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, and they lodged there.

3 When they *were* near the house of Micah, they recognized *the accent of* the voice of the young man the Levite, and they turned in there and said unto him, Who brought thee here? And what doest thou in this *place*? And what hast thou here?

4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus Micah has done with me and has hired me that I may be his priest.

5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel now, therefore, of God, that we may know whether he shall prosper our journey which we do.

6 And the priest replied unto them, Go in peace. Your journey which ye do *is* before the LORD.

7 ¶ Then the five men departed and came to Laish and saw that the people that dwelt there were secure, idle, and confident after the manner of the Zidonians; and there was no one in that land that might hinder them in any way from possessing that *land*; furthermore they *were* far from the Zidonians and had no business with anyone.

8 And they returned unto their brethren in Zorah and Eshtaol, and their brethren said unto them, What *say* ye?

9 And they said, Arise, let us go up against them, for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good; and *are* ye to remain still? Do not be slothful to go *and* to enter to possess the land.

10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure and to a large land, for God has given it into your hands, a place where *there is* no want of any thing that *is* in the earth.

11 And there went from there of the family of Dan, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men armed with weapons of war.

12 And they went up and pitched camp in Kirjathjearim in Judah; therefore, they called that place the camp of Dan unto this day; it is behind Kirjathjearim.

13 And they passed from there unto Mount Ephraim and came unto the house of Micah.

14 ¶ Then the five men that had gone to spy out the land of Laish said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod and teraphim and a graven image and a molten image? Now, therefore, consider what ye have to do.

15 And they turned in there and came to the house of the young man, the Levite, *even* unto the house of Micah, and greeted him. {Heb. asked him of peace}

16 And the six hundred men armed with their weapons of war, who *were* of the sons of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up *and* went in there *and* took the graven image and the ephod, and the teraphim and the molten image while the priest stood in the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men *that were* armed with weapons of war.

18 So they entered into Micah's house and took the graven image the ephod and the teraphim and the molten image. Then the priest said unto them, What are you doing?

19 And they said unto him, Silence, lay thy hand upon thy mouth and go with us to be our father and priest; *is it* better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family of Israel?

20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod and the teraphim and the graven image and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned and departed and put the little ones and the cattle and the baggage before them.

22 *And* when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that *were* in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together and overtook the sons of Dan.

23 And they cried unto the sons of Dan. And these turned their faces and said unto Micah, What ails thee that thou dost come with such a company?

24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made and the priest, and ye are gone away; and what is left to me? And why do ye say unto me, What ails thee?

25 And the sons of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us lest peradventure angry fellows run upon thee and thou lose thy life with the lives of thy household.

26 And the sons of Dan went their way, and when Micah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

27 ¶ And they took *the things* which Micah had made together with the priest which he had and came unto Laish unto a people *that were* at quiet and secure, and they smote them with the edge of the sword and burnt the city with fire.

28 And *there was* no deliverer because it *was* far from Zidon, and they had no business with anyone; and it was in the valley that *lies* by Bethrehob. Then they rebuilt the city and dwelt therein.

29 And they called the name of the city Dan after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel; however, the name of the city *was* Laish at the first.

30 And the sons of Dan set up the graven image; and Jonathan, the son of Gershon, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 And they set up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

Judges 19

1 ¶ In those days when *there was* no king in Israel, there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of Mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Bethlehem of Judah.

2 And his concubine committed adultery against him and went away from him unto her father's house to Bethlehem of Judah and was there four whole months.

3 And her husband arose and went after her to speak friendly unto her *and* to bring her again, having his servant with him and a couple of asses, and she brought him into her father's house. And when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him;

4 and his father-in-law, the damsel's father, retained him, and he dwelt with him three days; eating and drinking, and abiding there.

5 And on the fourth day when they arose early in the morning, *the Levite* rose up to depart; and the damsel's father said unto his son-in-law, Strengthen thy heart with a morsel of bread, and afterwards ye shall go.

6 And the two of them sat down together and ate and drank. And the damsel's father said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and thy heart shall be merry.

7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father-in-law urged him to remain and lodge there *again*.

8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart, and the damsel's father said, Strengthen now thy heart. And after having eaten together, they tarried until afternoon.

9 And when the man rose up to depart, he and his concubine and his servant, his father-in-law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draws toward evening, I pray you tarry all night; behold, the day comes to an end; lodge here that thy heart may be merry, and tomorrow ye shall get up early and be on your way that thou may come unto thy tent.

10 But the man would not remain there that night, but he rose up and departed and came over against Jebus, which *is* Jerusalem, with his two asses saddled and *with* his concubine.

11 *And* when they *were* by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come now and let us turn in into this city of the Jebusites and lodge in it.

12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside here into a city of strangers that *is* not of the sons of Israel; we will go on to Gibeah.

13 And he said unto his servant, Come and let us draw near to one of these places to pass the night, in Gibeah or in Ramah.

14 And they passed on and walked; and the sun went down upon them *when they were* by Gibeah, which *belonged* to Benjamin.

15 And they turned in there, to enter *and* to lodge in Gibeah; and entering in, they sat down in the plaza of the city, for no one took them into their house to pass the night.

16 ¶ And, behold, an old man, who in the evening came from working in the field, who *was* also of Mount Ephraim, sojourned in Gibeah, but the men of the place *were* sons of Jemini. {Benjamin}

17 And the old man lifted up his eyes and saw the traveller in the plaza of the city and said unto him, Where dost thou go and where hast thou come from?

18 And he said unto him, We *are* passing from Bethlehem of Judah toward the side of Mount Ephraim, where I am from, and I went to Bethlehem of Judah, but I *am now* going to the house of the LORD, and no one *has* received me in *their* house

19 even though we have straw and fodder for our asses, and there is bread and wine also for me and for thy handmaid and for the young man *who is* with thy slave; we have no lack of any thing.

20 And the old man said, Peace *be* with thee; let all thy needs be upon me; only do not pass the night in the plaza.

21 So he brought him into his house and gave fodder unto the asses, and they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

22 ¶ Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, that men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about *and* beat at the doors and spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thy house that we may know him.

23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them and said unto them, No, my brethren, I pray you, do not do this evil, seeing that this man has entered into my house; do not commit this folly.

24 Behold, *here is* my virgin daughter and his concubine; I will bring them out now, humble them, and do with them what seems good unto you, but unto this man do not commit this *vile* folly.

25 But the men would not hearken unto him, so the man took his concubine and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her and abused her all night until the morning; and when the day began to break, they let her go.

26 Then the woman came, in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord *was* until it was light.

27 And her lord rose up in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to go his way, and behold, the woman, his concubine, was fallen down *at* the door of the house with her hands upon the threshold.

28 And he said unto her, Rise up, and let us be going. But she did not answer. Then the man rose up and took her upon his ass and went unto his place.

29 And when he was come into his house, he took a knife and laid hold on his concubine and divided her, *together* with her bones into twelve pieces, and sent them into all the borders of Israel.

30 And everyone that saw it said, No such deed has been done or seen from the day that the sons of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt until this day. Consider this, give advice, and speak.

Judges 20

1 ¶ Then all the sons of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan to Beersheba and the land of Gilead, unto the LORD in Mizpeh.

2 And the chief of all the people, *even* of all the tribes of Israel, were present in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

3 (Now the sons of Benjamin heard that the sons of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.) Then the sons of Israel said, Tell *us*, how was this wickedness?

4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was murdered, answered and said, I came into Gibeah of Benjamin with my concubine to pass the night there.

5 And the men of Gibeah rose up against me and beset the house round about upon me by night *and* thought to have slain me, and they have forced my concubine in such a manner that she is dead.

6 Then I took my concubine and cut her in pieces and sent her throughout all the country of the possession of Israel, for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

7 Behold, all ye sons of Israel; give here your advice and counsel.

8 Then all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any *of us* go to his tent, neither will we any *of us* turn into his house

9 until we do this upon Gibeah that we cast lots against it;

10 and we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch provisions for the people that shall go against Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.

11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.

12 ¶ And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness *is* this that is done among you?

13 Now therefore deliver *us* those men, the sons of Belial, who *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and put away the evil from Israel.

But the sons of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren, the sons of Israel;

14 but the sons of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities in Gibeah to go out to battle against the sons of Israel.

15 And the sons of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty-six thousand men that drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who were numbered seven hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people *there were* seven hundred chosen men with their right hands impeded (*they were lefthanded*); each one could sling stones at a hairs *breadth*, and not miss. {Heb. sin}

17 And the men of Israel, not counting Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword; all these *were* men of war.

18 ¶ Then the sons of Israel arose and went up to the house of God and asked counsel of God and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the sons of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah *shall go up* first.

19 And the sons of Israel rose up in the morning and encamped against Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in order to fight against them at Gibeah.

21 And the sons of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah and destroyed down to the ground twenty-two thousand men of the Israelites that day.

22 And the people encouraged themselves, and the men of Israel set their battle again in order in the place where they put themselves in order the first day.

23 (And the sons of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until evening and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the sons of Benjamin, my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.)

24 And the sons of Israel came near against the sons of Benjamin the second day.

25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day and again destroyed down to the ground eighteen thousand of the sons of Israel; all these drew the sword.

26 ¶ Then all the sons of Israel and all the people went up and came unto the house of God and wept and sat there before the LORD and fasted that day

until evening and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

27 And the sons of Israel enquired of the LORD (for the ark of the covenant of God *was* there in those days,

28 and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days), saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the sons of Benjamin, my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into thy hand.

29 And Israel set ambushes round about Gibeah.

30 And the sons of Israel went up against the sons of Benjamin on the third day and put themselves in order against Gibeah as at the other times.

31 And the sons of Benjamin went out against the people *and* were drawn away from the city, and they began to smite of the people *and* kill as at the other times in the highways, one of which goes up to the house of God and the other to Gibeah by the field, *and they killed* about thirty men of Israel.

32 And the sons of Benjamin said, They *are* smitten down before us as at the first. But the sons of Israel said, Let us flee and draw them from the city unto the highways.

33 Then all the men of Israel rose up out of their place and put themselves in order at Baaltamar, and also those of the ambushes of Israel came forth out of their place, out of the meadows of Gibeah.

34 And ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel came against Gibeah, and the battle was sore; but they did not know that evil *was* near them.

35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel, and the sons of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty-five thousand one hundred men; all these drew the sword.

36 So the sons of Benjamin saw that they were smitten, for the men of Israel had given place to the Benjamites because they trusted those of the ambushes which they had set behind Gibeah.

37 *Then the men of* the ambushes rushed upon Gibeah and spread out and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.

38 Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Israel and *the men of* the ambushes that they should make a great signal by causing much smoke to rise up out of the city.

39 Then when the men of Israel turned *their backs* in the battle and those of Benjamin began to smite *and* kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons, for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us as *in* the first battle.

40 But when the signal began to arise up out of the city, a pillar of smoke, those of Benjamin looked behind them, and, behold, the whole consumption of the city ascended up to heaven.

41 Then the men of Israel turned again, and the men of Benjamin were terrified, for they saw that evil was come upon them.

42 Therefore, they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness, but the battle overtook them, and those who *came* out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them.

43 *Thus* they inclosed those of Benjamin round about *and* chased them *and* trode them down with ease over against Gibeah toward the sunrising.

44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these *were* men of valour.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon; and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

46 So that all who fell that day of Benjamin were twenty-five thousand men that drew the sword; all these *were* men of valour.

47 But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.

48 And the men of Israel turned again upon the sons of Benjamin and smote them with the edge of the sword, men and beasts in *every* city and all that was found; they also set on fire all the cities that they came to.

Judges 21

1 ¶ Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, None of us shall give his daughter unto those of Benjamin to wife.

2 And the people came to the house of God and abode there until the evening before God and lifted up their voices and wept sore

3 and said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel that there should be one tribe lacking in Israel today?

4 And it came to pass on the next day that the people rose early and built an altar there and offered burnt offerings and peace *offerings*.

5 And the sons of Israel said, Who *is there* among all the tribes of Israel that did not come up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning the one that would not come up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the sons of Israel repented because of Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

7 What shall we do for wives for those that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters for wives?

8 And they said, Is there anyone of the tribes of Israel that did not come up to Mizpeh to the LORD? And they found that no one from Jabeshgilead had come to the camp nor to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbered, and, behold, *there were* none of the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead there.

10 Then the congregation sent there twelve thousand men of the most valiant and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead with the edge of the sword with the women and the children.

11 And this *is* the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male and every woman that has lain with a man.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead four hundred young virgins that had known no man by lying with any male, and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan.

13 Then the whole congregation sent *some* to speak to the sons of Benjamin that *were* in the rock of Rimmon and to call peaceably unto them.

14 And those of Benjamin had returned at that time; and they gave them as wives those whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabeshgilead, and even so they were not enough.

15 And the people repented over Benjamin because the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 ¶ *Then* the elders of the congregation said, What shall we do for wives for those that remain? For the female sex had been destroyed out of Benjamin.

17 And they said, Let the inheritance of Benjamin be saved that a tribe not be destroyed out of Israel.

18 However, we may not give them wives of our daughters, for the sons of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed *be* he that gives a wife to *anyone of* Benjamin.

19 Then they said, Behold, *there is* a solemn feast of the LORD in Shiloh yearly *in a place* which *is* towards the Aquilon from Bethel and towards the rising of the sun from the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem and towards the Negev from Lebonah.

20 Therefore, they commanded the sons of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards

21 and watch with care, and when you see the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come out of the vineyards, and each one of you shall rapture a wife of the daughters of Shiloh and go to the land of Benjamin.

22 And when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, we will say unto them, Be merciful unto us for their sakes because in the war we did not take enough women for all *of them*; and you could not have given them to them, *or* ye should be guilty now.

23 And the sons of Benjamin did so and took *themselves* wives, according to their number, rapturing them from among those that danced; and they went and returned unto their inheritance and rebuilt the cities and dwelt in them.

24 Then the sons of Israel departed from there at that time, each man to his tribe and to his family, each one going from there to his inheritance.

25 In those days *there was* no king in Israel; each one did *that which seemed* right in his own eyes.

The Book of **Ruth**

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Ruth 1

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the days when the judges governed that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem of Judah went to sojourn in the fields of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem of Judah. And they came into the fields of Moab and continued there.

3 And Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons,

4 who took wives for themselves of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth; and they dwelt there about ten years.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion both died also; and the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

6 ¶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, to return from the fields of Moab, for she had heard in the field of Moab how the LORD had visited his people to give them bread.

7 Therefore she went forth out of the place where she had been and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each of you to thy mother's house; the LORD deal with you in mercy as ye have dealt with

the dead and with me.

9 The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each *of you* in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice and wept.

10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

11 And Naomi replied, Go back, my daughters; why must ye go with me? Do I have more sons in my womb that they may be your husbands?

12 Turn, my daughters, and go back, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I should say, I have hope, *if* I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons,

13 should ye tarry for them until they are grown? Should ye stay without husbands because of them? No, my daughters, for I have greater bitterness than you because the hand of the LORD has come out against me.

14 And they lifted up their voice and wept again, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth cleaved unto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law has returned to her people and to her gods; return thou after thy sister-in-law.

16 And Ruth said, Do not intreat me to leave thee *or* to return from following after thee, for wherever thou goest, I will go; and wherever thou shalt lodge, I will lodge; thy people *shall be* my people and thy God my God.

17 Where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried; let the LORD do so unto me and let him give unto me that only death shall part thee and me.

18 When she saw that she was courageous to go with her, then she left off speaking to her.

19 ¶ So the two walked until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, entering into Bethlehem, that all the city was moved *because* of them, and they said, *Is this Naomi?*

20 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara; for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the LORD has brought me home again empty. Why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned out of the fields of Moab, and they came to Bethlehem in

the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth 2

1 ¶ And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of strength, of the family of Elimelech, and his name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth, the Moabitess, said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field and glean *ears of grain* after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

3 And she went and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and it came to pass that her lot was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

4 ¶ And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said unto the reapers, The LORD *be* with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.

5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the damsel of Moab that came back with Naomi out of the fields of Moab;

7 and she has said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves; so she came and has continued from the morning until now except a short while that *she* was in the house.

8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hear, my daughter, do not glean in another field, nor leave here; thou shalt cleave to my maidens.

9 Look carefully upon the field that they reap and go after them, for I have charged the young men not to touch thee. And when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn.

10 Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes that thou should acknowledge me, seeing I *am* a stranger?

11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It has fully been showed me all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law since the death of thy husband and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother and the land of thy nativity and art come three days ago unto a people whom thou didst not know before.

12 Let the LORD recompense thy work and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to cover thyself.

13 Then she said, Let me find grace in thy sight, my lord, for thou hast comforted me and hast spoken unto the heart of thy handmaid though I am not like unto one of thy handmaidens.

14 And Boaz said unto her at mealtime, Come here and eat of the bread and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers, and he gave her of the pottage, and she ate and was satisfied, and *some was left over*.

15 And when she had risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves and do not reproach her

16 and let fall also *some* of the handfuls on purpose for her and leave *them* that she may glean *them* and do not reprehend her.

17 ¶ So she gleaned in the field until evening and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

18 And she took *it* up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought forth that which had been left over after she had been satisfied and gave it to her.

19 And her mother-in-law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned today? Where hast thou worked? Blessed be he that acknowledged thee. And she declared unto her mother-in-law all that had happened to her with him and said, The man's name with whom I worked today *is* Boaz.

20 And Naomi said unto her daughter-in-law, Let him be blessed of the LORD, who has not left off his mercy unto the living nor unto the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man *is* near of kin unto us, and one of whom one has the right to redeem us.

21 And Ruth, the Moabitess, said, He also said unto me, Thou shalt cleave to my servants until they have finished all my harvest.

22 And Naomi replied unto Ruth her daughter-in-law, *It is* good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens that they not meet thee in any other field.

23 So she kept close by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest and dwelt with her mother-in-law.

Ruth 3

1 ¶ Then Naomi, her mother-in-law, said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee that it may be well with thee?

2 And now *is* not Boaz of our kindred with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnows barley tonight in the threshing floor.

3 Therefore, thou shalt wash thyself and anoint thyself and put thy raiment upon thee and go down to the threshingfloor, *but* do not make thyself known unto the man until he shall have finished eating and drinking.

4 And it shall be when he lies down that thou shalt perceive the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in and uncover his feet and lie down *there*, and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

5 And she said unto her, All that thou dost command me I will do.

6 ¶ And she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap, and she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down.

8 And it came to pass at midnight that the man was startled and took hold, and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

9 Then he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth, thy handmaid; spread therefore the edge *of thy mantle* over thy handmaid; for thou *art a redeemer*.

10 And he said, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD, my daughter, *for* thou hast shown more mercy in the end than at the first, not going after the young men, whether poor or rich.

11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do unto thee all that thou hast said, for all the city of my people know that thou *art* a valiant woman.

12 And now it is true that I *am thy redeemer*; however, there is *another redeemer* nearer than I (*in kinship*).

13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning *that* if he will redeem thee, well, let him redeem thee, but if he does not wish to redeem, then I will redeem thee, *as the LORD lives*; lie down until the morning.

14 ¶ And she lay at his feet until the morning, and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that the woman has come to the threshing floor.

15 Also he said, Bring the veil that *thou hast* upon thee and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley and laid *it* on her, and she went into the city.

16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, What now, my daughter? And she told her all that had happened to her with the man.

17 And she said, He gave me these six *measures* of barley, saying, Do not go empty unto thy mother-in-law.

18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou shall know how the matter will fall, for that man will not rest until he has concluded the thing today.

Ruth 4

1 ¶ And Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there, and, behold, the redeemer of whom Boaz spoke came by unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! Come here and sit down. And he came and sat down.

2 Then he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, Sit down here. And they sat down.

3 And he said unto the redeemer, Naomi, that is come again out of the field of Moab, sold a parcel of land, which *was* our brother Elimelech's,

4 and I decided to cause thee to know this and tell thee to take *it* before the inhabitants and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem *it*, redeem *it*, but if thou wilt not redeem *it*, *then* tell me that I may know, for *there is* no one to redeem *it* besides thee, and I after thee. And he said, I will redeem *it*.

5 Then Boaz replied, The day that thou dost receive the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must also receive Ruth, the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

6 And the redeemer said, I cannot redeem *it* for myself lest I ruin my own inheritance; redeem thou; I cede my right to you, for I shall not be able to redeem *it*.

7 Now for a long time in Israel there had been this custom concerning redemption or contracts, that for the confirmation of all matters: one plucked off his shoe and gave *it* to his neighbour, and this *was* a testimony in Israel.

8 Therefore, *the former owner of* the right of redemption said unto Boaz, Buy *it* thyself. So he drew off his shoe.

9 ¶ And Boaz said unto the elders and *unto* all the people, Ye *are* witnesses this day that I have bought all that *was* Elimelech's and all that *was* Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

10 Moreover, I also take Ruth, the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, as my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance that the name of the dead not be cut off from among his brethren and from the gate of his place. Ye *shall be* witnesses of this today.

11 And all the people that *were* in the gate and the elders, said, *We are* witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thy house like Rachel and like Leah, who built the house of Israel; and be thou a man of valour in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem;

12 let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bore unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

13 ¶ So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife, and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son.

14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed *be* the LORD, who has not left thee this day without a redeemer, whose name shall be famous in Israel.

15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of *thy* soul and a sustainer in thy old age, for thy daughter-in-law, whom thou doth love, who is better to thee than seven sons, has given birth.

16 And Naomi took the child and laid it in her bosom and was his nurse.

17 And the women, her neighbours, named him, saying, There is a son born to Naomi, and they called his name Obed. This *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 Now these *are* the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,

19 and Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

20 and Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,

21 and Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

22 and Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

The First Book of
Samuel

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1 Samuel 1

1 ¶ Now there was a certain man of Ramath of Zophim, of Mount Ephraim, and his name *was* Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite.

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one *was* Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of the hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, *were* there.

4 And when the day would come, Elkanah would sacrifice, and he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters.

5 But unto Hannah he would give a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah, even though the LORD had shut up her womb.

6 And her rival provoked her to anger and sorrow because the LORD had shut up her womb.

7 And this would happen year by year when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she would provoke her; therefore, she would weep and not eat.

8 Then Elkanah, her husband, said to her, Hannah, why dost thou weep? And why dost thou not eat? And why is thy heart grieved? *Am* I not better to thee than ten sons?

9 ¶ So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the

LORD.

10 And she *was* in bitterness of soul and prayed unto the LORD and wept sore;

11 and she vowed a vow and said, O LORD of the hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thy handmaid and remember me and not forget thy handmaid but wilt give unto thy handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.

12 And it came to pass as she continued praying before the LORD that Eli was observing her mouth.

13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart and only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore, Eli thought she was drunk.

14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? Put away thy wine from thee.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 Do not count thy handmaid for a daughter of Belial, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have waited until now to speak.

17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

18 And she said, Let thy handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and ate, and her countenance was no longer *sad*.

19 ¶ And they rose up in the morning early and worshipped before the LORD and returned and came to their house to Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her.

20 Therefore, it came to pass when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, she bore a son and called his name Samuel, {Heb. heard of God} *saying*, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

21 And the man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer unto the LORD the accustomed sacrifice and his vow.

22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child is weaned, and *then* I will bring him that he may be presented before the LORD and abide there for ever.

23 And Elkanah, her husband, said unto her, Do what seems good unto thee; tarry until thou hast weaned him; only *let* the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks and one ephah of flour and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh; and the child *was* young.

25 And they slew a bullock and brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, *as* thy soul lives, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

27 For this child I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of him.

28 Therefore, I also have given him back to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall belong to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

1 Samuel 2

1 ¶ And Hannah prayed and said, My heart rejoices in the LORD, my horn is exalted in the LORD; my mouth is enlarged over my enemies because I have rejoiced in thy saving health.

2 *There is none* holy as the LORD, for *there is none* beside thee; neither is *there* any strong One like our God.

3 Do not multiply thyself speaking great and lofty things; let arrogant words cease from your mouth, for the LORD is the all-knowing God, and the *magnificent* works are his.

4 The bows of the mighty men *have been* broken, and the weak are girded with strength.

5 *Those that were* full have hired themselves out for bread, and *those that were* hungry ceased so that the barren has given birth to seven, and she that has many children is waxed feeble.

6 The LORD kills, and he gives life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and lifts up.

8 He raises up the poor out of the dust *and* lifts up the beggar from the dunghill to set *them* among princes and to make them inherit the throne of glory. For the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD's, and he has set the world upon them.

9 He keeps the feet of his saints, and the wicked perish in darkness, for no man shall prevail by *their own* strength.

10 LORD, thine adversaries shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven he shall thunder upon them. The LORD shall judge the ends of the earth, and he shall give strength unto his king and exalt the horn of his anointed. {Heb. Messiah}

11 ¶ And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child ministered unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

12 But the sons of Eli *were* sons of Belial; they did not know the LORD.

13 *It was* the priests' custom with the people *that* when anyone offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come, while the flesh was being boiled, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

14 and he would strike *it* into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot, and all that the fleshhook brought up, the priest took for himself. Thus would they do in Shiloh to all the Israelites that went there.

15 Likewise, before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest, for he will not take cooked flesh of thee, but raw.

16 And *if* the man would say unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat today and *then* take *as much* as thy soul desires, then he would answer him, No, but thou shalt give *it to me* now, and if not, I will take *it* by force.

17 Therefore, the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for men despised the present of the LORD.

18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, *being* a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat and brought *it* to him each year when she came up with her husband to offer the accustomed sacrifice.

20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the petition which was asked of the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

21 And the LORD visited Hannah so that she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 Now Eli was very old and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel and how they lay with the women that served *at* the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

23 And he said unto them, Why do ye *do* such things? For I hear from all the people of your evil dealings.

24 No, my sons, for *it is* no good report that I hear that ye cause the people of the LORD to transgress.

25 If one man sins against another, the judges shall judge him, but if someone sins against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they did not hearken unto the voice of their father because the LORD had *already* decided to kill them.

26 And the child Samuel kept on growing and was in favour both with the LORD and also with men.

27 ¶ And a man of God came unto Eli and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I not plainly appear unto the house of thy father when they were in Egypt in the house of Pharaoh?

28 And I chose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* my priest, to offer upon my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me, and I gave unto the house of thy father all the offerings on fire of the sons of Israel.

29 Why do ye trample my sacrifices and my offerings which I have commanded *to be offered* in my tabernacle and honor thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

30 Therefore, the LORD God of Israel said, I had said indeed *that* thy house and the house of thy father should walk before me for ever, but now the LORD said, It shall never be; for those that honor me I will honor, and those that lightly esteem me shall be vile.

31 Behold, the days come that I will cut off thine arm and the arm of thy father's house that there shall not be an old man in thy house.

32 And thou shalt see a competitor *in my* tabernacle in all the things in which I shall do good unto Israel, and there shall not be an old man in thy house for ever.

33 I shall not *totally* cut off *all* thy men from my altar to consume thine eyes and to grieve thy soul, and all the increase of thy house shall die as *young* men.

34 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall both die.

35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest *that* shall do according to *that* which *is* in my heart and in my mind, and I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before my anointed {Heb. Messiah} for ever.

36 And it shall come to pass *that* every one that is left in thy house shall come *and* crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into some aspect of the priesthood that I may eat a piece of bread.

1 Samuel 3

1 ¶ And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision.

2 And it came to pass one day when Eli *was* lain down in his place, his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

3 and before the lamp of God was put out, Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*;

4 and the LORD called Samuel, and he answered, Here *am* I.

5 And he ran unto Eli and said, Here *am* I, for thou didst call me. And he said, I did not call; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called Samuel yet again. And Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, Here *am* I, for thou didst call me. And he answered, I did not call, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither had the word of the LORD yet been revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, Here *am* I, for thou didst call me. Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the child.

9 Therefore, Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down, and it shall be if he calls thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD, for thy slave hears. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came and stood and called as at the other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy slave hears.

11 ¶ And the LORD said unto Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of each one that hears it shall tingle.

12 In that day I will perform against Eli all the things which I have spoken concerning his house; when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knows of (because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them).

14 And therefore, I have sworn unto the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be reconciled, *not* with sacrifices nor with presents for

ever.

15 And Samuel lay until the morning and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to show Eli the vision.

16 Then Eli called Samuel and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here *am* I.

17 And he said, What *is* the word that *the LORD* has spoken unto thee? I pray thee do not hide *it* from me. God do so to thee and more also, if thou hide *any* thing from me of all the word that he spoke unto thee.

18 And Samuel declared all of it to him without hiding any thing. Then he said, It *is* the LORD; let him do what seems good unto him.

19 ¶ And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and did not let any of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel *was* a faithful prophet of the LORD.

21 Thus the LORD appeared again in Shiloh, for the LORD manifested himself to Samuel in Shiloh with *the* word of the LORD.

1 Samuel 4

1 ¶ And Samuel spoke unto all Israel. Now *at that time* Israel went out to meet the Philistines in battle and pitched *their* camp beside Ebenezer; and the Philistines pitched theirs in Aphek.

2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel; and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines, who slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

3 And when the people returned into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has the LORD smitten us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us that when it comes among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, and they brought from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of the hosts, who dwells *between* the cherubim; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with *such* a great shout that the earth trembled.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What great shout *of joy* is this in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! For yesterday and day before yesterday it was not so.

8 Woe unto us! Who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? These *are* the gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 Be strong and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye not serve the Hebrews as they have served you; quit yourselves like men and fight.

10 ¶ And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled each one into his tent, and there was a very great slaughter, for thirty thousand footmen of Israel fell.

11 And the ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

12 ¶ And running out of the battle, *a* man of Benjamin came to Shiloh that same day with his clothes rent and with earth upon his head.

13 And when he came, behold Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and gave the news, all the city cried out.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What *is* the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his eyes had become dim so that he could not see.

16 And the man said unto Eli, I come from the battle; I fled today out of the army. And he said *unto him*, What has happened, my son?

17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel fled before the Philistines, and there has been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God was taken.

18 And it came to pass when he made mention of the ark of God, *Eli* fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck broke, and he died; for he was an old man and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

19 ¶ And his daughter-in-law, Phinehas's wife, was with child, *near* to be delivered, and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed, for her pains had come upon her.

20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not, for thou hast given birth to a son. But she did not answer, neither did she regard *it*.

21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel! (Because the ark of God was taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.)

22 Therefore, she said, The glory is departed from Israel, for the ark of God is taken.

1 Samuel 5

1 ¶ And the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod.

2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon and set it by Dagon.

3 And when those of Ashdod arose early in the morning, behold, Dagon *had* fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon and set him in his place again.

4 And when they arose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD, and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands *were* cut off upon the threshold; only *the stump of* Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore, neither the priests of Dagon nor any that come into Dagon's temple tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

6 ¶ But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon those of Ashdod, and he destroyed them and smote them with hemorrhoids in Ashdod and within all their borders.

7 And when they saw this, those of Ashdod said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us, for his hand is sore upon us and upon Dagon our god.

8 They sent, therefore, and gathered all the cardinals of the Philistines unto themselves and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be removed unto Gath. And they removed the ark of the God of Israel there.

9 And it came to pass that after they had removed it, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction. And he smote the men of that city from the smallest to the greatest, and they broke out with hemorrhoids.

10 Therefore, they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And when the ark of God came to Ekron, the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have removed the ark of the God of Israel unto us to kill me and my people.

11 So they sent and gathered together all the cardinals of the Philistines and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own

place, that it not kill me and my people, for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city, and the hand of God had become very heavy there.

12 And those that did not die were smitten with the hemorrhoids, and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

1 Samuel 6

1 ¶ And the ark of the LORD was in the land of the Philistines seven months.

2 Then the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us how we shall return it to his place.

3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty, but ye shall pay unto him the *expiation of* guilt; then ye shall be healed, and ye shall know why his hand was not removed from you.

4 Then said they, What shall be the *expiation of* guilt which we shall pay unto him? They answered, Five golden hemorrhoids and five golden rats, *according to* the number of the cardinals of the Philistines, for the same plague that is on you is also on your cardinals.

5 Therefore, ye shall make images of your hemorrhoids and images of your rats that destroy the land, and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel; peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you and from off your gods and from off your land.

6 Why then do ye harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When he had dealt *thus* among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

7 Now, therefore, make a new cart and take two milk cows, on which no yoke has been placed and tie the cows to the cart and bring their calves home from them.

8 Then ye shall take the ark of the LORD and lay it upon the cart and put the jewels of gold, which ye pay him *for expiation of* guilt, in a coffer by the side thereof, and let it go.

9 And see if it goes up by the way of his own border to Bethshemesh, *then* he has done us this great evil, but if not, then we shall know that *it is* not his hand *that* smote us; it *was* an accident *that* happened to us.

10 ¶ And the men did so and took two milk cows and tied them to the cart and shut up their calves at home.

11 Then they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart and the coffer with the rats of gold and the images of their hemorrhoids.

12 And the cows went straight down the way of Bethshemesh *and* went along the highway, lowing as they went and turned not aside *to* the right hand or *to* the left, and the cardinals of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Bethshemesh.

13 And *those of* Bethshemesh *were* reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark and rejoiced to see *it*.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stopped there, for there was a great stone there; and they clave the wood of the cart and offered the cows in a burnt offering unto the LORD.

15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the coffer that *was* with it, in which *were* the jewels of gold, and put *them* on the great stone, and the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.

16 And when the five cardinals of the Philistines had seen *it*, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 These, therefore are the golden hemorrhoids which the Philistines returned *in expiation* for their guilt unto the LORD, for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one,

18 and the golden rats, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging to* the five cardinals; a ransom for those of the fenced cities and for the country dwellers even unto the great *stone of* Abel, upon which they placed the ark of the LORD in the field of Joshua, the Bethshemite, and *this is remembered* unto this day.

19 ¶ *Then* God smote those of Bethshemesh because they had looked at the ark of the LORD; he smote fifty thousand of the people and seventy *principal* men. And the people lamented because the LORD had smitten the people with such a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Bethshemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? And to whom shall he go up from us?

21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjathjearim, saying, The Philistines have returned the ark of the LORD; come down, therefore, and carry it up to you.

1 Samuel 7

1 ¶ And the men of Kirjathjearim came and carried up the ark of the LORD and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to pass while the ark abode in Kirjathjearim, that the time was long, for it was twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3 ¶ And Samuel spoke unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you and prepare your hearts unto the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the sons of Israel did put away the Baalim and Ashtaroth and served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel in Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

6 And they gathered together in Mizpeh and drew water and poured *it* out before the LORD and fasted on that day and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the sons of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 ¶ And when the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel were gathered together in Mizpeh, the cardinals of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the sons of Israel heard *it*, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the sons of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb and offered *it for* a burnt offering completely unto the LORD, and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel, and the LORD heard him.

10 And it came to pass as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering that the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines and crushed them, and they were smitten before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh and pursued the Philistines and smote them until *they were* below Bethcar.

12 Then Samuel took a stone and set *it* between Mizpeh and Shen and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Thus far the LORD has helped us.

13 ¶ So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the border of Israel, and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel from Ekron even unto Gath with their borders, and Israel delivered them out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorite.

15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel and Gilgal and Mizpeh and judged Israel in all those places.

17 Then he would return to Ramah, for there *was* his house, and there he judged Israel, and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

1 Samuel 8

1 ¶ And it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel.

2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abiah; *they were* judges in Beersheba.

3 And his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after greed, receiving bribes and perverting *that which is* right.

4 ¶ Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together and came to Samuel in Ramah

5 and said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons do not walk in thy ways; therefore make us a king to judge us like all the Gentiles.

6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee, for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me that I should not reign over them.

8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, with which they have forsaken me and served other gods, so they also do unto thee.

9 Now, therefore, hearken unto their voice; however *first* protest solemnly against them by declaring unto them the rights of the king that shall reign over them.

10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked him for a king.

11 And he said, This will be the right of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen, and *some* shall run before his chariot.

12 And he will appoint captains over thousands and captains over fifties and *will set them* to plough his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his weapons of war and the munitions of his chariots.

13 And he will take your daughters *to be* confectioneries and *to be* cooks and *to be* bakers.

14 And he will take your fields and your vineyards and your good oliveyards and give *them* to his slaves.

15 And he will take the tenth of your seed and of your vineyards to give to his officers and to his slaves.

16 And he will take your menslaves and your maidslaves and your good young men and your asses and do his work with them.

17 He will also take the tenth of your sheep, and *finally* ye shall be his slaves.

18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you, and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

19 Nevertheless, the people refused to hear the voice of Samuel, and they said, No, but we will have a king over us

20 that we also may be like all the Gentiles and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and place a king over them. Then Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go each one unto his city.

1 Samuel 9

1 ¶ Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name *was* Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a son of Jemini, {Benjamin} a mighty man of power.

2 And he had a son, whose name *was* Saul, a handsome young man. Among the sons of Israel there was not a nicer person than he; from his shoulders and upward *he was* higher than any of the people.

3 ¶ And the *she* asses of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to Saul, his son, Take now one of the slaves with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

4 And he passed through Mount Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they did not find *them*. Then they passed through the land of Shalim, and *they were* not *there*, and he passed through the land of Jemini, {or of Benjamin} but they did not find *them*.

5 And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that *was* with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave *caring* for the asses and take thought for us.

6 And he said unto him, Behold now, *there is* in this city a man of God, and *he is* an honorable man; all that he says surely comes to pass; now let us go there; peradventure he can show us our way that we should go.

7 Then Saul replied unto his servant, But, behold, *if* we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread is spent in our vessels, and we have nothing to present unto the man of God. What do we have?

8 And the servant answered Saul again and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver; this will I give to the man of God to tell us our way.

9 (Beforetime in Israel when anyone went to enquire of God, he spoke thus, Come, and let us go to the seer, for *he that is* now *called* a Prophet was called a Seer before.)

10 Then Saul said to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God *was*.

11 ¶ And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water and said unto them, Is the seer here?

12 And they answered them and said, He is; behold, *he is* before you; make haste now, for he came today to the city, for *there is* a sacrifice of the people today in the high place.

13 As soon as you are come into the city, ye shall straightway find him before he goes up to the high place to eat, for the people will not eat until he comes because he must bless the sacrifice, *and* afterwards those that are invited eat. Now therefore go up, for about this time ye shall find him.

14 And they went up into the city. *And* when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out before them to go up to the high place.

15 Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,

16 Tomorrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him *to be* prince over my people Israel that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines, for I have looked upon my people because their cry is come unto me.

17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spoke to thee of! This same shall reign over my people.

18 ¶ Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house *is*.

19 And Samuel answered Saul and said, I *am* the seer; go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me today, and tomorrow I will let thee go and will tell thee all that *is* in thy heart.

20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, take no care for them, for they are found. And on whom *is* all the desire of Israel? *Is it* not on thee and on all thy father's house?

21 And Saul answered and said, Peradventure am I not of Jemini, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? And is my family not the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why, therefore, dost thou speak so to me?

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the *banquet* chamber and made them sit at the head among those that were invited, which *were* about thirty persons.

23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it aside.

24 And the cook took up the shoulder and *that* which was upon it and set *it* before Saul. And *Samuel* said, Behold that which was reserved! Set *it* before thee *and* eat because for this time it has been kept for thee, since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

25 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, he spoke with Saul upon the top of the house.

26 And they arose early about dawn, and Samuel called Saul, who was on the top of the house, saying, Rise up that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

27 *And* as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us (and he passed on), but stand thou still a while that I may declare thee the word of God.

1 Samuel 10

1 ¶ Then Samuel took a vial of oil and poured *it* upon his head and kissed him and said, *Is it* not because the LORD has anointed thee *to be* captain over his inheritance?

2 When thou art departed from me today, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou didst go to seek are found, and thy father has left the care of the asses and sorrows for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

3 Then shalt thou go on forward from there, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and three men going up to God to Bethel shall meet thee, one carrying three kids and another carrying three loaves of bread and another carrying a bottle of wine.

4 And they will salute thee and give thee two *loaves* of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.

5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God where the garrison of the Philistines *is*, and it shall come to pass when thou art come there to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery and a tambourine and a pipe and a harp before them; and they shall prophesy.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD will prosper thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them and shalt be turned into another man.

7 And let it be when these signs are come unto thee *that* thou do *according* as thou shalt find at hand, for God *is* with thee.

8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal, and, behold, I will come down unto thee to offer burnt offerings *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days shalt thou tarry until I come to thee and show thee what thou shalt do.

9 ¶ And it was so that when he had turned his shoulder to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart, and all those signs came to pass that day.

10 And when they came there to the hill, behold, the company of prophets met him, and the Spirit of God prospered him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it came to pass when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What has happened to the son of Kish? *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who *is* their father? Therefore, it became a proverb, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

13 And he ceased prophesying and came to the high place.

14 And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Where went ye? And he said, To seek the asses, and when we saw that *they were* nowhere, we came to Samuel.

15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, of which Samuel spoke, he did not tell him.

17 ¶ And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh

18 and said unto the sons of Israel, Thus hath the LORD God of Israel said, I brought up Israel out of Egypt and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all kingdoms *and* of those that oppressed you.

19 But ye have this day rejected your God, who saves you out of all your afflictions and your troubles, and ye have said unto him, *No*, but set a king over us. Now, therefore, present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your thousands.

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their lineages, the family of Matri was taken, and *from it* Saul the son of Kish was taken, and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore, they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come there. And the LORD answered, Behold, he has hid himself among the stuff.

23 And they ran and took him from there, and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD has chosen, that *there is* none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted and said, *Long* live the king.

25 Then Samuel recited unto the people the rights of the kingdom and wrote *it* in a book and laid *it* up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his house.

26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah, and there went with him *some from* the army, whose hearts God had touched.

27 But the sons of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him and brought him no presents. But he pretended not to notice.

1 Samuel 11

1 ¶ Then Nahash, the Ammonite, came up and encamped against Jabeshgilead. And all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.

2 And Nahash, the Ammonite, answered them, On this *condition* will I make *a covenant* with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes and lay it *for* a reproach upon all Israel.

3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the borders of Israel, and then, if *there is* no one to save us, we will come out to thee.

4 Then the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the tidings in the ears of the people, and all the people lifted up their voices and wept.

5 ¶ And, behold, Saul came after the oxen out of the field, and Saul said, What *ails* the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

6 And the Spirit of God prospered Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen and hewed them in pieces and sent *them* throughout all the borders of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whoever does not come forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

8 And when he numbered them in Bezek, the sons of Israel were three hundred thousand and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabeshgilead, Tomorrow, by *the time* the sun is hot, ye shall have salvation. And the messengers came and declared *it* to the men of Jabesh, and they were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, Tomorrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seems good unto you.

11 And it was so on the next day that Saul put the people in order in three companies, and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day, and it came to pass that

those who remained were scattered so that two of them were not left together.

12 ¶ Then the people said unto Samuel, Who *were* those that said, Shall Saul reign over us? Bring the men, that we may put them to death.

13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day, for today the LORD has wrought salvation in Israel.

14 Then Samuel said to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal, and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

1 Samuel 12

1 ¶ And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me and have made a king over you.

2 And now, behold, your king walks before you. I am old and grayheaded, and, behold, my sons *are* with you, and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

3 Behold, here I *am*; witness against me before the LORD and before his anointed. If I have taken anyone's ox or if I have taken anyone's ass or if I have defrauded anyone or if I have oppressed anyone or if I have received a bribe {Heb. ransom} from anyone to blind my eyes, I will restore it you.

4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us nor oppressed us; neither hast thou taken anything of any man's hand.

5 And he said unto them, The LORD *is* witness against you, and his anointed *is* witness this day that ye have not found anything in my hand. And they answered, *He is* witness.

6 ¶ Then Samuel said unto the people, The LORD is he who advanced Moses and Aaron and who brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

7 Now, therefore, stand still that I may contend with you before the LORD of all the righteousnesses of the LORD which he did to you and to your fathers.

8 After Jacob had entered into Egypt and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron who brought forth your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place.

9 And when they forgot the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor and into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

10 And they cried unto the LORD and said, We have sinned because we have forsaken the LORD and have served the Baalim and Ashtaroth, but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

11 Then the LORD sent Jerubbaal and Bedan and Jephthah and Samuel and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelt safe.

12 And when ye saw that Nahash, the king of the sons of Ammon, came against you, ye said unto me, No, but a king shall reign over us when the LORD your God *was* your king.

13 Now, therefore, behold the king whom ye have chosen *and* whom ye have desired! Behold, the LORD has set a king over you.

14 If ye will fear the LORD and serve him and hear his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigns over you continue following the LORD your God.

15 But if ye will not hear the voice of the LORD but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD shall be against you as *it was* against your fathers.

16 ¶ Now, therefore, stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.

17 *Is it* not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great which ye have done in the sight of the LORD in asking for a king *over* you.

18 So Samuel called unto the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day, and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy slaves unto the LORD thy God that we not die, for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask for a king *over* us.

20 And Samuel said unto the people, Do not fear. Ye have done all this wickedness, yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

21 do not turn aside after vain *things* which cannot profit nor deliver, for they *are* vain.

22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake because it has pleased the LORD to make you his people.

23 Moreover as for me, in no wise should I sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you, but I will teach you the good and the right way.

24 Only fear the LORD and serve him in truth with all your heart, for consider what great *things* he has done with you.

25 But if ye shall persevere in doing wickedly, both ye and your king shall perish.

1 Samuel 13

1 ¶ Saul was as a son of one year when *he began* to reign, and when he had reigned two years over Israel,

2 Saul chose three thousand *men* of Israel, *of which* two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in Mount Bethel and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin; and of the rest of the people he sent each one to his tent.

3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that *was* in Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it*. And Saul caused the shofar to be blown throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

4 And all Israel heard it said *that* Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines and also *that* Israel had become a stench unto the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 Then the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen and people as the sand which *is* on the sea shore in multitude; and they came up and pitched camp in Michmash, eastward from Bethaven.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait (for the people were distressed), then the people hid themselves in caves and in thickets and in rocks and in high places and in pits.

7 And *some of* the Hebrews went over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he *was* yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 ¶ And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel *had appointed*, but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were deserting from him.

9 Then Saul said, Bring me a burnt offering and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came to pass that as soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him that he might bless him.

11 Then Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were leaving me and *that* thou didst not come within the

days appointed and *that* the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash,

12 therefore, I said, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD. I forced myself, therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

13 Then Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly; thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee, for now the LORD would have established thy kingdom over Israel for ever.

14 But now thy kingdom shall not stand; the LORD has sought a man after his own heart unto whom the LORD has commanded that he be captain over his people because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

15 ¶ And Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people *that were* present with him, about six hundred men.

16 And Saul and Jonathan, his son, and the people *that were* present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin, but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

17 And three companies came out of the camp of the Philistines to destroy the land. One company turned unto the way *that leads to* Ophrah unto the land of Shual.

18 Another company turned the way *to* Bethhoron, and another company turned *to* the way of the border that looks to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines had said, Lest peradventure the Hebrews make swords or spears.

20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines to sharpen each man his share and his coulter and his axe and his mattock

21 and when they had nicks in the mattocks and the coulters and the forks and the axes, or to fix a goad.

22 So it came to pass in the day of battle that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people *that were* with Saul and Jonathan except with Saul and with Jonathan his son who had them.

23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

1 Samuel 14

1 ¶ Now it came to pass upon a day that Jonathan, the son of Saul, said unto the young man that bore his armour, Come and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison that *is* on the other side. But he did not tell his father.

2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which *is* in Migron, and the people that *were* with him *were* about six hundred men;

3 and Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, was wearing the ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan was gone.

4 And between the passages by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, *there was* a sharp rock on the one side and a sharp rock on the other side; and the name of the one *was* Bozez and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The forefront of the one *was* situated northward over against Michmash and the other towards the Negev over against Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bore his armour, Come and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised; peradventure the LORD will work for us, for it is not difficult for the LORD to save by many or by few.

7 And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that *is* in thy heart; go. Behold, I *am* with thee according to thy will.

8 Then Jonathan said, Behold, we will go over unto *these* men, and we will show ourselves unto them.

9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you, then we will stand still in our place and will not go up unto them.

10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us, then we will go up, for the LORD has delivered them into our hand, and this *shall be* a sign unto us.

11 And both of them showed themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines; and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer and said, Come up to us, and we will show you a thing. Then Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me, for the LORD has delivered them into the hand of Israel.

13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet and his armourbearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan, and his armourbearer slew after him.

14 And that first slaughter which Jonathan and his armourbearer made was about twenty men within as it were a half acre of land, *which* a yoke of oxen might plow.

15 And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people of the garrison; and those who had gone out to destroy the land, they also trembled, and the earth quaked, and there was fear of God.

16 ¶ And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down *one another*.

17 Then Saul said unto the people that *were* with him, Number now and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer *were* not *there*.

18 And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the sons of Israel.

19 And it came to pass while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that *was* in the host of the Philistines went on and increased. Then Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thy hand.

20 And Saul and all the people that *were* with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle; and, behold, each man's sword was against his fellow, *and there was* a very great discomfiture.

21 Moreover, the Hebrews *that* had been with the Philistines before that time, who had gone up with them into the camp *from the country* round about, even they also *turned* to be with the Israelites that *were* with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise all the men of Israel who had hid themselves in Mount Ephraim, *when* they heard that the Philistines fled, they also followed hard after them in the battle.

23 So the LORD saved Israel that day; and the battle passed over unto Bethaven.

24 ¶ But the men of Israel were distressed that day, for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eats *any* food until evening that I may be avenged on my enemies. So none of the people tasted *any* food.

25 And *the army* of all the land came to a wood, and there was honey upon the ground.

26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped, but no man put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan had not heard when his father charged the people with the oath, therefore, he put forth the end of the rod that *was* in his hand and dipped it in a honeycomb and put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes were enlightened.

28 Then one of the people spoke and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eats *any* food this day. And the people were faint.

29 Then Jonathan said, My father has troubled the land. See, I pray you, how my eyes have been enlightened because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 How much more if haply the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found? Would there not have been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

31 And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon, but the people were very faint.

32 Therefore, the people flew upon the spoil and took sheep and oxen and calves and slew *them* on the ground, and the people ate *them* with the blood.

33 Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed; roll a great stone unto me this day.

34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people and tell each one to bring his ox and his sheep here unto me and slay *them* here and eat and do not sin against the LORD in eating with the blood. And of all the people, each one brought his ox with him that night and slew *them* there.

35 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD; the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

36 ¶ And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatever seems good unto thee. Then the priest said, Let us draw near unto God here.

37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? Wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he did not answer him that day.

38 Then Saul said, Bring here all the chief of the people and know and see by whom this sin has been this day.

39 For, *as* the LORD lives, who saves Israel, though it be in Jonathan, my son, he shall surely die. But *there was* not a man among all the people *that* answered him.

40 Then he said unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seems good unto thee.

41 Therefore, Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, Show who is without blemish. And Saul and Jonathan were taken, but the people went out *free*.

42 And Saul said, Cast *lots* between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that *was* in my hand; must I die for this.

44 And Saul answered, God do so and more also, for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.

45 Then the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who has wrought this great saving health in Israel? No, in no wise: *as* the LORD lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has wrought with God this day. So the people rescued {Heb. ransomed} Jonathan that he did not die.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 ¶ So Saul took the kingdom over Israel and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab and against the sons of Ammon and against Edom and against the kings of Zobah and against the Philistines; and wherever he turned himself, he troubled *them*.

48 And he gathered a host and smote Amalek and delivered Israel out of the hands of those that spoiled them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan and Ishui and Melchishua. And the names of his two daughters *were these*: the name of the firstborn Merab and the name of the younger Michal.

50 And the name of Saul's wife *was* Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of the captain of his host *was* Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 For Kish *was* the father of Saul, and Ner, the father of Abner, *was* the son of Abiel.

52 And there was intense war against the Philistines all the days of Saul, and when Saul saw any strong man or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

1 Samuel 15

1 ¶ And Samuel said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee *to be* king over his people, over Israel; now, therefore, hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 Thus hath said the LORD of the hosts, I remember *that* which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid *wait* for him in the way when he came up from Egypt.

3 Now go and smite Amalek and utterly destroy all that they have and spare him not, but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

4 And Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek and laid wait in the valley.

6 And Saul said unto the Kenite, Go, depart, go out from among those of Amalek lest I destroy you with them, for ye showed mercy to all the sons of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenite departed from among those of Amalek.

7 And Saul smote Amalek from Havilah *until* thou comest to Shur that *is* over against Egypt.

8 And he took Agag, the king of the Amalekites, alive and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings and the lambs and all *that was* good and would not utterly destroy them, but every thing *that was* vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

10 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came unto Samuel, saying,

11 It grieves me that I have set up Saul *to be* king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments. And it incensed Samuel, and he cried unto the LORD all night.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set himself up a monument and is gone about and passed on and gone down to Gilgal.

13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD; I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

14 Then Samuel said, What *means* then this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from Amalek, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God, and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners of Amalek and fight against them until they are consumed.

19 Why then didst thou not hear the voice of the LORD but didst fly upon the spoil and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD and have gone the way which the LORD sent me and have brought Agag, the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the firstfruits of the anathema, to sacrifice them unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel said, Does the LORD have *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in hearing the voice of the LORD? Behold, to hear *is* better than sacrifice *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion *is* the sin of witchcraft, and to break *the word of the Lord* is iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected thee from *being* king.

24 ¶ Then Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and thy words because I feared the people and consented unto their voice.

25 Now, therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin and turn again with me that I may worship the LORD.

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee, for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected thee from being

king over Israel.

27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel said unto him, The LORD has rent the kingdom of Israel from thee today and has given it to a neighbour of thine *that is* better than thou.

29 And also the Overcomer of Israel will not lie nor repent concerning this, for he *is* not a man, that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I have sinned; yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people and before Israel and turn again with me that I may worship the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned again after Saul, and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 ¶ Then Samuel said, Bring me Agag, the king of Amalek. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is near.

33 And Samuel said, As thy sword has made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. Then Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul.

35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death; nevertheless, Samuel mourned for Saul because the LORD had repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

1 Samuel 16

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill thy horn with oil and go; I will send thee to Jesse of Bethlehem for I have provided me a king among his sons.

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? If Saul understands *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take a heifer with thee and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do, and thou shalt anoint unto me the one whom I name unto thee.

4 And Samuel did as the LORD said and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably; I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and called them to the sacrifice.

6 ¶ And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab and said, Peradventure is the LORD's anointed before him?

7 And the LORD replied unto Samuel, Do not look on his countenance or on the height of his stature because I have refused him, for it is not as man sees, for man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither has the LORD chosen this one.

9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither has the LORD chosen this one.

10 Again, Jesse made his seven sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD has not chosen these.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are all *thy* young men here? And he said, There remains yet the youngest, and, behold, he keeps the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send for him, for we will not sit down to the table until he comes here.

12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy *and* of a beautiful countenance and handsome. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him, for this *is* he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him from among his brethren; and the Spirit of the LORD prospered David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

14 ¶ But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

15 And Saul's slaves said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubles thee.

16 Let our lord now command thy slaves, *which are* before thee, to seek out a man *who is* a cunning player on a harp, and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand and thou shalt have relief.

17 And Saul said unto his slaves, Provide me now a man that can play well and bring *him* to me.

18 Then one of the servants answered and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem, *that is* cunning in playing and a mighty valiant man and a man of war and prudent in speech and handsome, and the LORD *is* with him.

19 Therefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse and said, Send me David, thy son, who *is* with the sheep.

20 And Jesse took an ass *laden* with bread and a bottle of wine and a kid and sent *them* by David, his son, unto Saul.

21 And David came to Saul and stood before him; and he loved him greatly, and he became his armourbearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me, for he has found favour in my sight.

23 And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took a harp and played with his hand; so Saul was refreshed and was better, and the evil spirit departed from him.

1 Samuel 17

1 ¶ Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle and were gathered together at Shochoh, which *belongs* to Judah, and pitched camp between Shochoh and Azekah in Ephesdammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together and pitched camp by the valley of Elah and ordered the battle against the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side; and *there was* a valley between them.

4 And a man named Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span, came out of the camp of the Philistines and *stood* between the two camps.

5 And *he had* a helmet of brass upon his head, and he *was* clothed with a coat of mail of scales; and the weight of the coat of mail *was* five thousand shekels of brass.

6 And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs and a shield of brass between his shoulders.

7 And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron, and one bearing a shield went before him.

8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set *your* battle in array? *Am* I not a Philistine, and ye slaves to Saul? Choose a man from among you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he is able to fight with me and to overcome me, then will we be your slaves, but if I prevail against him and overcome him, then ye shall be our slaves and serve us.

10 And the Philistine said, I have dishonoured the ranks of Israel today; give me a man that we may fight together.

11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

12 ¶ And David *was* the son of an Ephrathite man of Bethlehem of Judah, whose name *was* Jesse, and he had eight sons, and this man was old in the

days of Saul and of advanced age among men.

13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse had gone *and* followed Saul to the battle. And the names of his three sons that went to the battle *were* Eliab, the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab and the third Shammah.

14 And David *was* the youngest, the three eldest having gone after Saul.

15 But David had gone and returned from *being* with Saul to feed his father's sheep in Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening and presented himself for forty days.

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched *grain* and these ten loaves and run to the camp to thy brethren

18 and carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of *their* thousand and look how thy brethren fare and take their pledge.

19 Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel *were* in the valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines.

20 And David rose up early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper and took and went with his burden as Jesse had commanded him, and he came to the trench as the host was going forth in battle array, and they had already sounded the alarm for the battle.

21 For Israel and the Philistines had ordered the battle, army against army.

22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage and ran into the army and came and asked about his brethren, if they were well.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up that man, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, speaking the same words, and David heard *them*.

24 And all the men of Israel when they saw the man fled from him and feared greatly.

25 And each one of the men of Israel were saying, Have ye seen this man that is come up? He is come up to dishonour Israel. It shall be *that* the king will enrich the man who overcomes him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel.

26 Then David spoke to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that overcomes this Philistine and takes away the reproach

from Israel? For who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine that he should dishonour the armies of the living God?

27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that overcomes him.

28 And Eliab, his eldest brother, heard when he spoke unto the men, and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why didst thou come down here? And with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride and the malice of thy heart, for thou art come down that thou might see the battle.

29 And David said, What have I now done? *Is there* not a cause?

30 And he turned from him toward another and spoke after the same manner, and the people answered him again after the former manner.

31 ¶ And the words which David had spoken were heard, and they were rehearsed before Saul, and he sent for him.

32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy slave will go and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for thou *art but* a young man, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David replied unto Saul, Thy slave was the pastor of his father's sheep, and *if* a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock,

35 I went out after him and smote him and delivered *it* out of his mouth; and if he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard and smote him and slew him.

36 Whether it was a lion or a bear thy slave would kill it, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he has dishonoured the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

38 And Saul clothed David with his clothing, and he put a helmet of brass upon his head; he also armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And David girded *Saul's* sword upon *Saul's* clothing, and he undertook to go, for he had not proved *them*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with

these, for I have not proved *them*. And putting them off, David

40 ¶ took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones out of the brook and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a provision bag, and with his sling in his hand he drew near to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David, and the man that bore the shield *went* before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him, for he was *but* a youth and ruddy and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said unto David, *Am* I a dog that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the heaven and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then David said to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword and with a spear and with a shield, but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of the hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast dishonoured.

46 This day the LORD will deliver thee into my hand, and I will smite thee and take thy head from thee, and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the heaven and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this congregation shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear, for the battle *is* the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 ¶ And it came to pass when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David that David hastened and ran to do battle against the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag and took a stone from there and slang *it* and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone remained sunk into his forehead, and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David overcame the Philistine with a sling and with a stone and smote the Philistine and slew him, but *there was* no sword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran and stood upon the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and slew him and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw their giant was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose and shouted and pursued the Philistines unto the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath and unto Ekron.

53 And the sons of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his weapons in his tent.

55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son *is* this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul lives, O king, I cannot tell.

56 And the king said, Enquire whose son the young man is.

57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

58 And Saul said to him, Whose son *art* thou, young man? And David answered, I *am* the son of thy slave Jesse of Bethlehem.

1 Samuel 18

1 ¶ And it came to pass when he had finished speaking unto Saul that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that *was* upon him and gave it to David and his garments, even to his sword and to his bow and to his girdle.

5 And David went out wherever Saul sent him *and* behaved himself prudently, and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's slaves.

6 ¶ And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with instruments of music.

7 And the women sang as they played and said, Saul has slain his thousands and David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him, and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands; and *what* can he have more but the kingdom?

9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 And it came to pass on the next day that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house, and David played with his hand as at other times, and *there was* a spear in Saul's hand.

11 And Saul cast the spear, saying, I will smite David to the wall *with it*. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

12 ¶ But Saul was afraid of David because the LORD was with him and had departed from Saul.

13 Therefore, Saul removed him from him and made him captain over a thousand, and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaved himself prudently in all his ways, and the LORD *was* with him.

15 Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved himself very prudently, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David because he went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, Behold I will give thee my elder daughter Merab to wife; only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said *to himself*, My hand shall not be against him, but the hand of the Philistines shall be against him.

18 And David said unto Saul, Who *am* I, and what *is* my life *or* my father's family in Israel that I should be son-in-law to the king?

19 And it came to pass at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David that she was given unto Adriel, the Meholathite, to wife.

20 But Michal, Saul's *other* daughter, loved David, and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will give her to him that she may be a snare to him and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Therefore, Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son-in-law with the other one.

22 And Saul commanded his slaves, *saying*, Speak with David secretly and say, Behold, the king has delight in thee, and all his slaves love thee; now, therefore, be the king's son-in-law.

23 And Saul's slaves spoke those words in the ears of David. And David said, Does it seem to you *a light thing* to be a king's son-in-law, seeing that I *am* a poor man and lightly esteemed?

24 And the slaves of Saul told him, saying, David spoke these words.

25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The desire of the king is not in any dowry, but one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. For Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 And when his slaves told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law, and the days were not expired.

27 Therefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men, and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them all to the king that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal, his daughter, to wife.

28 *But* Saul, seeing and knowing that the LORD *was* with David and that his daughter Michal loved him,

29 was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth, and it came to pass after they went forth *that* David behaved himself more prudently than all the slaves of Saul so that his name was much set by.

1 Samuel 19

1 ¶ And Saul spoke to Jonathan, his son, and to all his slaves that they should kill David.

2 But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David, and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul, my father, seeks to kill thee: now, therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning and abide in a secret *place* and hide thyself.

3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou *art*, and I will speak with my father of thee, and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4 And Jonathan spoke good of David unto Saul, his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his slave David, for he has not sinned against thee; on the other hand his works *have been* very good for thee,

5 for he put his soul in his hand and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel. Thou didst see *it* and rejoice. Why then wilt thou sin against innocent blood to slay David without a cause?

6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan, and Saul swore, As the LORD lives, he shall not be slain.

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as in times past.

8 ¶ And there was war again, and David went out and fought with the Philistines and slew them with a great slaughter, and they fled from him.

9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand, and David played with *his* hand.

10 And Saul sought to smite David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, who smote the spear into the wall; and David fled and escaped that night.

11 ¶ Saul also sent messengers unto David's house to watch him and to slay him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life tonight, tomorrow thou shalt be dead.

12 So Michal let David down through a window, and he went and fled and escaped.

13 Then Michal took an image and laid *it* in the bed and put a pillow of goats' *hair* at his head and covered *it* with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He *is* sick.

15 And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed that I may slay him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed with a pillow of goats' *hair* at his head.

17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so and sent away my enemy that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; if not, I shall kill thee.

18 ¶ So David fled and escaped and came to Samuel in Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah.

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David, and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then he also went to Ramah and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu, and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they are* at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And he went there to Naioth in Ramah, and the Spirit of God came upon him also, and he went on and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 And he stripped off his clothes also and prophesied before Samuel in like manner and lay down naked all that day and all that night. From here it was said, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

1 Samuel 20

1 ¶ And David fled from Naioth in Ramah and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? What *is* my iniquity or what *is* my sin before thy father that he seeks my life?

2 And he said unto him, No, in no wise; thou shalt not die. Behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will show it me, and why should my father hide this thing from me? It *shall* not *be* so.

3 And David swore moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knows that I have found grace in thine eyes, and he *saith in himself*, Let Jonathan not know this lest he be grieved; but truly *as* the LORD lives and *as* thy soul lives, *there is* but a step between me and death.

4 Then Jonathan said unto David, Whatever thy soul saith, I will do *it* for thee.

5 And David replied unto Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow *is* the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at food, but thou shalt let me go and hide myself in the field until the evening of the third day.

6 If thy father at all misses me, then say, David earnestly asked *leave* of me that he might run to Bethlehem, his city, for all those of his lineage have an anniversary sacrifice.

7 If he should say, *It is* well; thy slave shall have peace; but if he is very wroth, *then* be sure that the evil is determined in him.

8 Therefore, thou shalt deal in mercy with thy slave, for thou hast brought thy slave into a covenant of the LORD with thee; notwithstanding, if there is iniquity in me, slay me thyself, for why should thou bring me to thy father?

9 ¶ And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee, for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would I not be obliged to show it to thee?

10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? Or what *if* thy father answers thee roughly?

11 And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And both of them went out into the field.

12 Then Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I shall have asked my father tomorrow at this time or after tomorrow and, behold, *if there is* good toward David and I then do not send unto thee and show it to thee,

13 the LORD do so and much more to Jonathan. But if it pleases my father *to do* thee evil, then I will show it to thee and send thee away that thou may go in peace; and the LORD be with thee as he has been with my father.

14 And if I live, thou shalt show me the mercy of the LORD, but if I am dead,

15 thou shalt not cut off thy mercy from my house for ever. When the LORD has cut off one by one the enemies of David from the face of the earth, remove *even* Jonathan from thy house *if I fail thee* and require it at the hand of David's enemies.

16 So Jonathan made *a covenant* with the house of David.

17 And Jonathan swore unto David again because he loved him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow *is* the new moon, and thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty.

19 And *when* thou hast stayed three days, *then* thou shalt go down quickly and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself on the day of the work and shalt remain by the stone Ezel;

20 and I will shoot three arrows on the side *thereof* as though I shot at a mark.

21 And, behold, I will send a lad, *saying*, Go, find the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of thee; take them, then come thou, for *there is* peace unto thee and no hurt, *as* the LORD lives.

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond thee, then go away, for the LORD has sent thee away.

23 And *as touching* the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, let the LORD *be* between thee and me for ever.

24 ¶ So David hid himself in the field, and when the new moon was come, the king sat down to eat bread.

25 And the king sat upon his seat as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall; and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place

was empty.

26 Nevertheless, Saul said nothing that day, for he thought, Something has befallen him, he is not clean; surely he *is* not clean.

27 And it came to pass on the next day, *which was* the second *day* of the new moon, that David's place was empty, and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Why did not the son of Jesse come to food, neither yesterday nor today?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked *leave* of me *to go* to Bethlehem.

29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee, for those of our lineage have a sacrifice in the city, and my brother, he has commanded me *to be there*, and now, if I have found grace in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he has not come unto the king's table.

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious *woman*, do I not know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion and unto the confusion of thy mother's shame?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse lives upon the land, thou shalt not be established nor thy kingdom. Therefore, now send and bring him unto me, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father and said unto him, Why shall he be slain? What has he done?

33 And Saul cast a spear at him to smite him whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger and ate no food the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved for David *and* because his father had done him shame.

35 ¶ And it came to pass in the morning that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run and find the arrows which I shoot. *And* as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows and came to his master.

39 But the lad did not understand anything; only Jonathan and David understood the matter.

40 And Jonathan gave his weapons unto his lad and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city.

41 *And* as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of *a place* toward the Negev and fell on his face to the ground and bowed himself three times, and they kissed one another and wept one with another, although David exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed, and Jonathan entered into the city.

1 Samuel 21

1 ¶ Then David came to Nob to Ahimelech, the priest, and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David and said unto him, Why *art* thou alone, and no one with thee?

2 And David said unto Ahimelech, the priest, The king has commanded me a business and has said unto me, Let no one know anything of this business about which I send thee and what I have commanded thee, and I have appointed *my* servants to a certain place.

3 Now, therefore, what is under thy hand? Give *me* five *loaves of* bread in my hand or what there is present.

4 And the priest answered David and said, *There is* no common bread under my hand; there is only sacred bread, which I will give thee if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.

5 And David answered the priest and said unto him, Of a truth women *have been* kept from us since yesterday and the day before yesterday since I came out, and the vessels of the young men were holy although the way is profane; how much more that today it shall be sanctified with the vessels.

6 So the priest gave him the sacred bread, for there was no bread there but the showbread that had been taken from before the LORD to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the slaves of Saul *was* there that day, fulfilling a vow before the LORD, and his name *was* Doeg, an Edomite, the principal of the pastors of Saul.

8 And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thy hand a spear or a sword? For I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me because the king's business required haste.

9 And the priest replied, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou didst overcome in the valley of Elah, behold, it *is here* wrapped in a veil behind the ephod; if thou wilt take that, take *it*, for *there is* none other except that here. And David said, *There is* none like that; give it to me.

10 ¶ And David arose and fled that day from the presence of Saul and went to Achish, the king of Gath.

11 And the slaves of Achish said unto him, *Is this not David, the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul has slain his thousands and David his ten thousands?*

12 And David laid up these words in his heart and was sore afraid of Achish, the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behaviour before them and feigned himself a fool in their hands and scrabbled on the doors of the gate and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

14 Then Achish said unto his slaves, Behold, ye see the man is mad; why *then* have ye brought him to me?

15 Have I need of mad men that ye have brought this *fellow* to play the mad man in my presence? Shall this *fellow* come into my house?

1 Samuel 22

1 ¶ And David departed from there and escaped to the cave Adullam; {Heb. righteousness or justice of the people} and when his brethren and all his father's house heard *it*, they went down there to him.

2 And every one *that was* in distress and every one that *was* in debt and all whose souls were bitter gathered themselves unto him, and he became the captain over them, and there were about four hundred men with him.

3 And David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab, and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth *and be* with you until I know what God will make of me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab, and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the fortress.

5 And the prophet Gad said unto David, do not abide in this fortress; depart, and go into the land of Judah. Then David departed and came into the forest of Hareth.

6 ¶ When Saul heard how David had appeared and the men that *were* with him (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his slaves *were* standing about him),

7 then Saul said unto his slaves that stood about him, Hear now, ye sons of Jemini, will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards *and* make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds

8 that all of you have conspired against me, and *there is* no one that shows me that my son has made a league with the son of Jesse, and *there is* none of you that is sorry for me or shows unto me that my son has stirred up my slave against me, to lie in wait *against* me, as at this day?

9 Then Doeg, the Edomite, who was set over the slaves of Saul, answered and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob to Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub.

10 And he enquired of the LORD for him and gave him provision and gave him the sword of Goliath, the Philistine.

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech, the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that *were* in Nob; and they all came to the king.

12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I *am*, my lord.

13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread and a sword and hast enquired of God for him that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king and said, And who is so faithful among all thy slaves as David, the king's son-in-law, who goes at thy bidding and is honourable in thy house?

15 Did I begin to enquire of God for him today? Be it far from me; let not the king impute *any* thing unto his slave *nor* to all the house of my father, for thy slave knew nothing of all this, less or more.

16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou and all thy father's house.

17 Then the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn and slay the priests of the LORD because their hand also *is* with David and because they knew when he fled and did not show it to me. But the slaves of the king would not put forth their hands to fall upon the priests of the LORD.

18 Then the king said to Doeg, Turn thou and fall upon the priests. And Doeg, the Edomite, turned and he fell upon the priests and slew on that day eighty-five men that wore a linen ephod.

19 And Nob, the city of the priests, he smote with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings and oxen and asses and sheep with the edge of the sword.

20 ¶ And one of the sons of Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David.

21 And Abiathar gave David the news that Saul had slain the LORD's priests.

22 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew *it* that day when Doeg, the Edomite, *was* there that he would surely tell Saul. I have given cause *before Saul* against all the persons of thy father's house.

23 Abide thou with me; do not fear, for he that seeks my life seeks thy life; *it is good* that thou shalt be kept with me.

1 Samuel 23

1 ¶ Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors.

2 Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go and smite the Philistines and save Keilah.

3 *But* David's men said unto him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judah, how much more than if we go to Keilah against the army of the Philistines?

4 Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah, for I will deliver the Philistines into thy hand.

5 So David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines and brought away their livestock and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to pass when Abiathar, the son of Ahimelech, fled to David to Keilah *that* the ephod came in his hand.

7 ¶ And it was told Saul how David had come to Keilah. And Saul said, God has delivered him into my hand, for he is shut in by entering into a town that has gates and bars.

8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

9 But David understood that Saul devised evil against him, and he said to Abiathar, the priest, Bring here the ephod.

10 Then David said, O LORD God of Israel, thy slave has certainly heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? Will Saul come down as thy slave has heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy slave. And the LORD said, He will come down.

12 Then David said, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver *thee* up.

13 So David and his men, *who were* about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah and went from one place to another. And it was told Saul that

David was escaped from Keilah, and he forbare to go forth.

14 ¶ And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand.

15 And David, seeing that Saul had come out to seek his soul, *stayed* in the woods in the wilderness of Ziph.

16 Then Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David in the woods and strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said unto him, Do not fear, for the hand of Saul, my father, shall not find thee, and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and even my father knows this.

18 And the two made a covenant before the LORD, and David abode in the woods, and Jonathan returned to his house.

19 ¶ Then those of Ziph came to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Does not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the woods in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* on the right hand side of the wilderness?

20 Now, therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down, and our part *shall be* to deliver him into the king's hand.

21 And Saul said, Blessed *are* ye of the LORD, for ye have compassion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet and know and see his place where he places his foot *and* who has seen him there, for it is told me *that* he deals with great prudence.

23 See, therefore, and take knowledge of all the hiding places where he hides himself and come again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you; and it shall come to pass, if he is in the land that I will search him out with all the thousands of Judah.

24 And they arose and went to Ziph before Saul, but David and his men *were* in the wilderness of Maon in the plain on the right hand side of the wilderness.

25 Saul also and his men went to seek *him*. And they told David, and he came down *from there* into a rock and abode in the wilderness of Maon.

And when Saul heard *that*, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain; and David made haste to get away from the presence of Saul, for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

27 But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Make haste and come, for the Philistines have invaded the land.

28 Saul returned, therefore, from pursuing after David and went against the Philistines. For this reason they called that place Selahammahlekoth. {Heb. the rock of divisions}

29 And David went up from there and dwelt in strong holds at Engedi.

1 Samuel 24

1 ¶ And it came to pass when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David *is* in the wilderness of Engedi.

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

3 And he came to a flock of sheep by the way where there was a cave, and Saul went in to cover his feet, and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

4 Then the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thy enemy into thy hand that thou may do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose and silently cut off the skirt of Saul's robe.

5 And it came to pass afterward that David's heart smote him because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

6 And he said unto his men, The LORD keep me from doing this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth my hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD.

7 So David stayed his servants with these words and did not allow them to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave and went on *his* way.

8 David also arose afterward and went out of the cave and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth and worshipped.

9 ¶ And David said to Saul, Why hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeks thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee today into my hand in the cave, and *some* bade *me* kill thee, but I forgave thee, and I said, I will not put forth my hand against my lord, for he *is* the LORD's anointed.

11 Moreover, my father, see; see the skirt of thy robe is even in my hand, for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe and did not kill thee, know thou and see that *there is* neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou doest hunt my life to take it.

12 The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee, but my hand shall not be upon thee.

13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceeds from the wicked, but my hand shall not be upon thee.

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? After whom dost thou pursue? After a dead dog? After a flea?

15 The LORD, therefore, shall judge, and he shall judge between me and thee. Let him see and plead my cause, and defend me from thy hand.

16 ¶ And it came to pass, when David had finished speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, *Is this thy voice, my son David?* And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

17 And he said to David, Thou *art* more righteous than I, for thou hast repaid me with good, whereas I have repaid thee with evil.

18 And thou hast showed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me; forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me into thy hand, thou didst not kill me.

19 For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safe and sound? The LORD reward thee with good for that which thou hast done unto me this day.

20 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel shall be firm and stable in thy hand.

21 Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.

22 Then David swore unto Saul. And Saul went home, but David and his men went up unto the fortress.

1 Samuel 25

1 ¶ And Samuel died, and all Israel gathered together and lamented him and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

2 ¶ And *there was* a man in Maon whose possessions *were* in Carmel, and the man *was* very great, and he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats, and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man *was* Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail. And *she was* a woman of good understanding and of a beautiful countenance, but the man *was* hard and evil in his doings, and he *was of the lineage* of Caleb.

4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Climb up to Carmel and go to Nabal and greet him in my name.

6 And thus shall ye say to him, May thou live and peace *be* unto thee and peace *be* unto thy house and peace *be* unto all that thou hast.

7 I have recently heard that thou hast shearers. Now thy shepherds who were with us, we did not hurt them, neither was there anything missing unto them all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Ask thy slaves, and they will tell thee. Therefore, let the young men find grace in thine eyes, for we come in a good day; give, I pray thee, whatever is in thy hand unto thy slaves and to thy son David.

9 And when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David and ceased.

10 And Nabal answered David's slaves and said, Who *is* David? And who *is* the son of Jesse? There are many slaves nowadays that break from their masters.

11 Shall I then take my bread and my water and my slaughtered *meat* that I have killed for my shearers and give *it* unto men that I do not know where they are from?

12 ¶ So David's young men left and returned and came and told him all those words.

13 Then David said unto his men, Gird ye on each man his sword. And each one girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword; and about four hundred men went up after David, and they left two hundred with the stuff.

14 And one of the servants told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to bless our master, and he railed on them.

15 But the men *were* very good unto us and never hurt us, neither did we miss anything all the time that we have been conversant with them when we were in the fields.

16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day all the time that we were feeding the sheep with them.

17 Now, therefore, know and consider what thou must do, for evil is determined against our master and against all his household, for he *is such* a son of Belial that no one can speak to him.

18 ¶ Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves and two bottles of wine and five sheep ready dressed and five measures of parched *flour* and one hundred bunches of raisins and two hundred cakes of figs and laid *them* on asses.

19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told nothing to her husband Nabal.

20 And it was so as she rode on the ass that she came down a secret part of the mountain, and, behold, David and his men came down against her, and she met them.

21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this *fellow* has in the wilderness so that nothing was missed of all that *pertained* unto him, and he has returned unto me evil for good.

22 Let God do so and more also unto the enemies of David if I leave of all that *pertain* to him by the morning light any that piss against the wall.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hastened and lighted off the ass and fell before David on her face and bowed herself to the ground

24 and fell at his feet and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon me let this* iniquity *be*, and let thy handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thy audience; and hear the words of thy handmaid.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, take to heart this man of Belial, *even* Nabal, for as his name *is*, so *is* he; Nabal {Heb. fool} is his name, and folly *is* with him; but I, thy handmaid, did not see the servants of my lord whom thou didst send.

26 Now, therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD lives and *as* thy soul lives, seeing the LORD has withheld thee from coming to *shed* blood and from avenging thyself with thy own hand, now let thy enemies and those that seek evil to my lord be as Nabal.

27 And now this blessing which thy handmaid has brought unto my lord, let it be given unto the servants that follow my lord.

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thy handmaid, for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil has not been found in thee *all* thy days.

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee and to seek thy soul, but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God, and he shall hurl forth the souls of thine enemies *as out* of the middle of a sling.

30 And it shall come to pass when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning thee and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel,

31 that this shall be no stumblingblock unto thee nor grief of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless or that my lord has avenged himself; but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thy handmaid.

32 ¶ Then David said to Abigail, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel who sent thee this day to meet me;

33 and blessed *be* thy advice, and blessed *be* thou who hast kept me this day from coming to *shed* blood and from avenging myself with my own hand.

34 For in very deed *as* the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that piss against the wall.

35 So David received of her hand *that* which she had brought him and said unto her, Go up in peace to thy house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice and have accepted thy person.

36 ¶ And Abigail came to Nabal, and, behold, he held a banquet in his house like the banquet of a king; and Nabal's heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunken; therefore, she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

37 But it came to pass in the morning when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as* a stone.

38 And it came to pass about ten days *after*, that the LORD smote Nabal, and he died.

39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed *be* the LORD that judged the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal and has kept his slave from evil, for the LORD has returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent word unto Abigail to take her to him to wife.

40 And when the slaves of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spoke with her, saying, David sent us unto thee to take thee to him to wife.

41 And she arose and bowed herself on *her* face to the earth and said, Behold, *let* thy handmaid *be* a slave to wash the feet of the slaves of my lord.

42 And Abigail hastened and arose and rode upon an ass with five damsels of hers that went after her, and she went after the messengers of David and became his wife.

43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel, and they were also both of them his wives.

44 For Saul had given Michal, his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti, the son of Laish, who *was* of Gallim.

1 Samuel 26

1 ¶ And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Does David not hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon?

2 Then Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Saul pitched camp in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before the wilderness by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he perceived that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

4 David, therefore, sent out spies and understood that Saul was indeed come.

5 And David arose and came to the place where Saul had pitched camp, and David beheld the place where Saul lay and Abner, the son of Ner, the captain of his host. And Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

6 ¶ Then David spoke and said to Ahimelech, the Hittite, and to Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night, and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench and his spear stuck in the ground at his head, but Abner and the people lay round about him.

8 Then Abishai said to David, God has delivered thy enemy into thy hand today; now, therefore, let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear *and pin him* to the earth at once, and I will not *need* a second opportunity.

9 And David said to Abishai, Do not destroy him, for who has stretched forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and remained innocent?

10 David said furthermore, As the LORD lives, if the LORD does not smite him or his day comes to die or he descends into battle and perishes,

11 the LORD forbid that I should stretch forth my hand against the LORD's anointed; but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that *is* at his head and the cruse of water and let us go.

12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water that were at Saul's head, and they went, and no one saw *it* nor knew *it* neither awaked, for they *were* all asleep because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them.

13 ¶ Then David went over to the other side and stood out of the way on the top of the mountain, a great space *being* between them;

14 and David cried to the people and to Abner, the son of Ner, saying, Dost thou not answer, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who *art* thou *that* dost cry to the king?

15 And David said to Abner, *Art* not thou a man? And who *is there* like unto thee in Israel? Why then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy the king thy lord.

16 This thing *is* not good that thou hast done. As the LORD lives, ye *are* worthy to die because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear *is* and the cruse of water that *was* at his head.

17 And Saul knew David's voice and said, *Is* this thy voice, my son David? And David said, *It is* my voice, my lord, O king.

18 And he said, Why does my lord thus pursue after his slave? What have I done? What evil is in my hand?

19 Now, therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his slave. If the LORD has stirred thee up against me, let him smell *the fragrance of* an offering, but if *they were* the sons of men, *let* them *be* cursed before the LORD, for they have driven me out this day from joining myself to the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods.

20 Now therefore, do not let my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD, for the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains.

21 ¶ Then Saul said, I have sinned; return, my son David; for I will do no more harm unto thee because my life was precious in thine eyes today. Behold, I have played the fool and have erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! Let one of the servants come over and take it.

23 The LORD render to each one his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD delivered thee into *my* hand today, but I would not stretch forth my hand against the LORD's anointed.

24 And, behold, as thy life has been esteemed today in my eyes, so let my life be esteemed in the eyes of the LORD and let him deliver me out of all affliction.

25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed *art* thou, my son David; without a doubt thou shalt do great *things* and prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

1 Samuel 27

1 ¶ And David said in his heart, In the end I shall be killed some day by the hand of Saul; *there is* nothing better for me than that I should escape once and for all into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more within the borders of Israel; so shall I escape out of his hand.

2 And David arose, and he went over with the six hundred men that *were* with him unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath.

3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, each one with his household, David with his two wives, Ahinoam, the Jezreelitess, and Abigail, who had been the wife of Nabal of Carmel.

4 And it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath, and he sought him no more.

5 And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let me be given a place in one of the cities of the land that I may dwell there, for why should thy slave dwell in the royal city with thee?

6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day. Therefore, Ziklag pertains to the kings of Judah unto this day.

7 And the number of days that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was four months and some days.

8 ¶ And David and his men went up and invaded the Geshurites and the Gezrites and the Amalekites, for these had inhabited the land for a long time, from as thou goest unto Shur even unto the land of Egypt.

9 And David smote the land and left neither man nor woman alive and took away the sheep and the oxen and the asses and the camels and the apparel and returned and came to Achish.

10 And Achish would say, Where have ye raided today? And David would say, Against the south of Judah and towards the Negev of the Jerahmeelites or towards the Negev of the Kenites.

11 And David left neither man nor woman alive, to bring *tidings* to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David. And this was his manner all the time he dwelt in the land of the Philistines.

12 And Achish believed David, saying, He is making himself abominable unto his people of Israel; therefore, he shall be my slave for ever.

1 Samuel 28

1 ¶ And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight against Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know for certain, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

2 And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy slave can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore, I will make thee keeper of my head all the days.

3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah in his own city. And Saul had removed the spiritists and the diviners out of the land.

4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together and came and pitched camp in Shunem, and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched camp in Gilboa.

5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly.

6 And Saul enquired of the LORD, but the LORD did not answer him by dreams nor by Urim nor by prophets.

7 ¶ Then Saul said unto his slaves, Seek me a woman that is a spiritist that I may go to her and enquire of her. And his slaves said to him, Behold, *there* is a woman that is a spiritist at Endor.

8 And Saul disguised himself and put on other clothing, and he went with two men, and they came to the woman by night; and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by spiritism and bring me *him* up whom I shall name unto thee.

9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul has done, how he has cut off the spiritists and the diviners out of the land; why then dost thou lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

10 And Saul swore to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD lives, no iniquity shall come upon thee for this thing.

11 Then the woman said, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? For thou *art* Saul.

13 And the king said unto her, Do not be afraid. What didst thou see? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods rising out of the land.

14 And he said unto her, What form *is* he of? And she said, An old man comes, and he *is* covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground and worshipped.

15 ¶ And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed, for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me and no longer answers me neither by prophets nor by dreams; therefore, I have called thee that thou may make known unto me what I shall do.

16 Then Samuel said, Why then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thy enemy?

17 The LORD, therefore, has done as he spoke by me! For the LORD has rent the kingdom out of thy hand and given it to thy neighbour, *even* to David.

18 Because thou didst not hearken unto the voice of the LORD nor execute his fierce wrath upon Amalek; therefore, the LORD has done this thing unto thee today.

19 And the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow *shalt* thou and thy sons *be* with me; the LORD shall also deliver the camp of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

20 ¶ Then Saul, as great as he was, fell suddenly to the earth and was sore afraid because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no bread all that day nor all that night.

21 And the woman came unto Saul and saw that he was sore troubled and said unto him, Behold, thy handmaid has heard thy voice, and I have put my soul in my hand and have hearkened unto thy words which thou didst speak unto me.

22 Now, therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thy handmaid and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou may have strength, and go on thy way.

23 But he refused and said, I will not eat. But his slaves, together with the woman, compelled him, and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the ground and sat upon a bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house, and she hastened and killed it and took flour and kneaded *it* and baked unleavened bread with it.

25 And she brought *it* before Saul and before his slaves, and after they ate, they rose up and went away that night.

1 Samuel 29

1 ¶ Now the Philistines gathered together all their camps to Aphek, and the Israelites pitched camp by a fountain which *is* in Jezreel. {Heb. God scatters}

2 And as the cardinals of the Philistines reviewed their companies of hundreds and of thousands, David and his men were in the rear with Achish.

3 Then the princes of the Philistines said, What are these Hebrews doing here? And Achish replied unto the princes of the Philistines, *Is* not this David, the slave of Saul, the king of Israel, who has been with me these days or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell *unto me* unto this day?

4 Then the princes of the Philistines were angry with him, and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him and not come with us to the battle lest in the battle he be an adversary to us, for with what should he return to the good graces of his master than with the heads of these men?

5 *Is* not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands and David his ten thousands?

6 ¶ Then Achish called David and said unto him, Surely, *as* the LORD lives, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the camp *is* good in my sight; for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day; nevertheless, thou art not good in the eyes of the cardinals.

7 Therefore, now return and go in peace that thou not do evil in the eyes of the cardinals of the Philistines.

8 And David replied unto Achish, But what have I done? And what hast thou found in thy slave so long as I have been with thee unto this day that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou *art* good in my sight as an angel of God; notwithstanding, the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.

10 Therefore, now rise up early in the morning with thy master's slaves that are come with thee, and as soon as ye are up early in the morning and it is

light, depart.

11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

1 Samuel 30

1 ¶ And it came to pass when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day that the Amalekites had invaded the Negev and Ziklag and had smitten Ziklag and burned it with fire.

2 And *they* had taken the women captives that *were* therein, from the youngest to the oldest; they did not kill any but carried *them* away and went on their way.

3 So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, *it was* burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters were taken captives.

4 Then David and the people that *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept until they had no more power to weep.

5 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail, who *had been* the wife of Nabal of Carmel.

6 And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him because the soul of all the people was bitter, each one for his sons and for his daughters; but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

7 ¶ And David said to Abiathar, the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring the ephod here to me. And Abiathar brought the ephod to David.

8 And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue; for thou shalt surely overtake *them* and without fail recover *all*.

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that *were* with him, and they came to the brook Besor, where some stayed behind.

10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men, for two hundred stayed behind, who were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

11 And they found an Egyptian in the field and brought him to David and gave him bread to eat and water to drink,

12 and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two bunches of raisins. And when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him, for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk *any* water, three days and three nights.

13 And David said unto him, To whom *dost* thou *belong* and where *art* thou from? And the young Egyptian said, I am the slave to an Amalekite, and my

master left me three days ago because I was sick.

14 We made an invasion *upon* towards the Negev from the Chereth and upon Judah and towards the Negev from Caleb, and we burned Ziklag with fire.

15 And David said to him, Wilt thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

16 And so he brought him down, and behold, *they were* spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and holding a feast because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines and out of the land of Judah.

17 And David smote them from the *morning* twilight even unto the evening of the next day, and none of them escaped except four hundred young men who rode upon camels and fled.

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David delivered his two wives.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great neither sons nor daughters, of the robbery and of all the things that had been taken from them; David recovered it all.

20 And David took all the sheep and the cows, and bringing them with all the *other* livestock, they said, This *is* David's spoil.

21 ¶ And David came to the two hundred men who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to remain at the brook Besor, and they went forth to meet David and to meet the people that *were* with him, and when David came near to the people, he saluted them with peace.

22 Then all the wicked men and *men* of Belial, of those that went with David, answered and said, Because they did not go with us, we will not give them of the spoil that we have recovered, except to each man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away, and depart.

23 Then David said, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD has given us, who has kept us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.

24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? For as his part *is* that goes down to the battle, so *shall* his part *be* that remains by the stuff; they shall

part alike.

25 And it was so from that day forward that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, his friends, saying, Behold a blessing for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD:

27 to *those* who *were* in Bethel and to *those* who *were* in Ramoth towards the Negev and to *those* who *were* in Jattir

28 and to *those* who *were* in Aroer and to *those* who *were* in Siphmoth and to *those* who *were* in Eshtemoa

29 and to *those* who *were* in Rachal and to *those* who *were* in the cities of the Jerahmeelites and to *those* who *were* in the cities of the Kenites

30 and to *those* who *were* in Hormah and to *those* who *were* in Chorashan and to *those* who *were* in Athach

31 and to *those* who *were* in Hebron and in all the places where David had been with his men.

1 Samuel 31

1 ¶ Now the Philistines fought against Israel, and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines and fell down slain in Mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons, and the Philistines slew Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchishua, Saul's sons.

3 And the battle went heavily against Saul, and the archers found him, and he was sore afraid of the archers.

4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword and thrust me through with it lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not, for he was sore afraid. Therefore, Saul took his sword and fell upon it.

5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword and died with him.

6 So Saul died and his three sons and his armourbearer and all his men that same day together.

7 And when the men of Israel that *were* on the other side of the valley and *those* that *were* on the other side of the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to pass on the next day when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in Mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head and stripped off his weapons and sent them into the land of the Philistines round about to publish *it in* the house of their idols and among the people.

10 And they put his weapons in the house of Ashtaroath, and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.

11 And when the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 all the valiant men arose and went all night and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan and came to Jabesh and burnt them there.

13 And they took their bones and buried *them* under a tree at Jabesh and fasted seven days.

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2 Samuel 1

1 ¶ Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag;

2 it came to pass on the third day that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent and earth upon his head, and so it was when he came to David, that he fell to the earth and did obeisance.

3 And David said unto him, Where dost thou come from? And he said unto him, I am escaped out of the camp of Israel.

4 And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, The people fled from the battle, and many of the people fell and are dead, and Saul and Jonathan, his son, are dead also.

5 And David said unto the young man that told him, How dost thou know that Saul and Jonathan, his son, are dead?

6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon Mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear, and the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me and called unto me. And I answered, Here *am* I.

8 And he said unto me, Who *art* thou? And I answered him, I *am* an Amalekite.

9 He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me and slay me, for anguish is come upon me, and all my soul *is* yet in me.

10 So I stood upon him and slew him because I was sure that he could not live after he was fallen, and I took the crown that *was* upon his head and the bracelet that *was* on his arm and have brought them here unto my lord.

11 ¶ Then David took hold on his clothes and rent them and likewise all the men that *were* with him.

12 And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel because they had fallen by the sword.

13 And David said unto the young man that told him, From where *art* thou? And he answered, I *am* the son of a stranger, an Amalekite.

14 And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?

15 Then David called one of the young men and said, Go near *and* fall upon him. And he smote him that he died.

16 And David said unto him, Thy blood *be* upon thy head, for thy mouth has testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

17 ¶ And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son.

18 (He also bade them teach the sons of Judah *the use of* the bow. Behold, *it is* written in the book of righteousness.)

19 The glory of Israel is slain upon thy high places! How are the mighty fallen!

20 Tell *it* not in Gath, publish *it* not in the streets of Askelon lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, *let there be* no dew, neither *let there be* rain, upon you nor fields of offerings, for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, *as though he had not been* anointed with oil.

22 Without the blood of the slain, without the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan never turned back, and the sword of Saul never returned empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan *were* loved and desired in their lives, and in their death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger

than lions.

24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with *other* delights, who put ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, *thou* wast slain in thine high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant hast thou been unto me; thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

27 How are the valiant fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

2 Samuel 2

1 ¶ And it came to pass after this that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Where shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.

2 So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail, who *had been* the wife of Nabal of Carmel.

3 And David brought up his men that were with him, each one with his household, and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, The men of Jabeshgilead buried Saul.

5 And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabeshgilead and said unto them, Blessed *shall ye be* of the LORD that ye have showed this mercy unto your lord, *even* unto Saul and have buried him.

6 And now the LORD show mercy and truth unto you; and I also will requite you this kindness because ye have done this thing.

7 Therefore, now let your hands be strengthened and be ye valiant; for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

8 ¶ But Abner, the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim

9 and made him king over Gilead and over the Ashurites and over Jezreel and over Ephraim and over Benjamin and over all Israel.

10 Ishbosheth, Saul's son, *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel and reigned two years. Only the house of Judah followed David.

11 And the number of days that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

12 And Abner, the son of Ner, and the slaves of Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.

13 And Joab, the son of Zeruiah, and the slaves of David went out and met them by the pool of Gibeon, and when they met, the one *group* was on the one side of the pool and the other on the other side of the pool.

14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise and sport before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

15 Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, who *pertained* to Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, and twelve of the slaves of David.

16 And each one caught his fellow by the head and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together; therefore, that place was called Helkathhazzurim, {Heb. the inheritance of the strong} which *is* in Gibeon.

17 And there was a very severe battle that day where Abner and the men of Israel were overcome before the slaves of David.

18 ¶ And the three sons of Zeruiah were there, Joab and Abishai and Asahel, and Asahel *was as* light of foot as a wild roe.

19 And Asahel pursued after Abner, and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behind him and said, *Art* thou Asahel? And he answered, Yes.

21 Then Abner said to him, Turn aside to thy right hand or to thy left and lay hold on one of the young men and take his spoil. But Asahel would not turn aside from following after him.

22 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn aside from following me; why should I smite thee to the ground? How then should I hold up my face to Joab, thy brother?

23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside; therefore, Abner with the butt end of the spear smote him under the fifth *rib* that the spear came out behind him, and he fell down there and died in the same place. And it came to pass *that* as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died, stood still.

24 But Joab and Abishai pursued after Abner, and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah that *lies* before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 ¶ And the sons of Benjamin gathered themselves together in one troop with Abner and stood on the top of a hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? Dost thou not know that it will be bitterness in the latter end? How long shall it be then before thou bid the people to return from following their brethren?

27 And Joab replied, As God lives, if thou had not spoken, surely from this morning the people would have left off from following their brothers.

28 So Joab blew the shofar, and all the people stood still and no longer pursued after Israel, neither did they fight any more.

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passing the Jordan, they went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

30 Joab also returned from following Abner, and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's slaves nineteen men and Asahel.

31 But the slaves of David had smitten of Benjamin and of Abner's men, so *that* three hundred and sixty men died.

32 And they took up Asahel and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which *was in* Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at *the* break of day.

2 Samuel 3

1 ¶ Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David, but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 And sons were born unto David in Hebron; and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam, the Jezreelitess;

3 and his second, Chileab, of Abigail who *had been* the wife of Nabal of Carmel; and the third, Absalom, the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur;

4 and the fourth, Adonijah, the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah, the son of Abital;

5 and the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah, David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

6 And it came to pass while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.

7 ¶ And Saul had a concubine, whose name *was* Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. And *Ishbosheth* said to Abner, Why hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine?

8 Then Abner was very angry for the words of Ishbosheth and said, *Am* I a dog's head in regard to Judah? I have shown mercy this day unto the house of Saul, thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends and have not delivered thee into the hand of David that thou dost charge me today with iniquity concerning this woman?

9 Let God do to Abner and more also unless, as the LORD has sworn to David, so do I unto him,

10 to translate the kingdom from the house of Saul and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah from Dan even to Beersheba.

11 And he could not answer Abner a word again because he feared him.

12 And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose *is* the land? And that they should also say, Make thy covenant with me, and, behold, my hand *shall be* with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee.

13 And he said, Good; I will make a covenant with thee, but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face except thou first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face.

14 After this, David sent messengers to Ishbosheth, Saul's son, saying, Deliver *me* my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for one hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

15 So Ishbosheth sent and took her from *her* husband, *even* from Phaltiel, the son of Laish.

16 And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then Abner said unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past *to be* king over you;

18 now then do *it*, for the LORD has spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my slave David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin, and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.

20 So Abner came to David to Hebron and twenty men with him. And David made a banquet for Abner and the men that *were* with him.

21 And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king that they may make a covenant with thee and that thou may reign over all that thy heart desires. And David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

22 ¶ And, behold, the slaves of David and Joab came from *pursuing* a troop and brought in a great spoil with them. But Abner *was not* with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace.

23 When Joab and all the host that *was* with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner, the son of Ner, came to the king, and he has sent him away, and he is gone in peace.

24 Then Joab came to the king and said, What hast thou done? Behold, Abner came unto thee; why *is it that* thou hast let him go?

25 Dost thou not know that Abner, the son of Ner, came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in and to know all that thou doest?

26 And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, who caused him to return from the well of Sirah, but David did not know *it*.

27 And when Abner had returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly and smote him there under the fifth *rib* that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

28 And afterward when David heard *it*, he said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner, the son of Ner.

29 Let it rest on the head of Joab and on all his father's house and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that has an issue or that is a leper or that leans on a staff or that dies by the sword or that lacks bread.

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31 Then David said to Joab and to all the people that *were* with him, Rend your clothes and gird yourselves with sackcloth and mourn before Abner. And King David *himself* followed the bier.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron, and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept.

33 And the king lamented over Abner and said, Abner died the death of a fool!

34 Thy hands *were* not bound nor thy feet put into fetters. Thou didst fall as a man falls before wicked men. And all the people wept again over him.

35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat food while it was yet day, David swore, saying, So do God to me, and more also if I taste bread or anything else until the sun is down.

36 And all the people understood, and it pleased them, for whatever the king did pleased all the people.

37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner, the son of Ner.

38 Then the king said unto his slaves, Do ye not know that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?

39 And I *am* this day a tender anointed king, and these men the sons of Zeruah *are* too hard for me; the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

2 Samuel 4

1 ¶ And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.

2 And Saul's son had two men *that were* captains of companies; the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon, a Beerothite, of the sons of Benjamin (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin;

3 and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and were sojourners there until this day).

4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son *that was* lame of *his* feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled, and it came to pass as she made haste to flee that he fell, and became lame. And his name *was* Mephibosheth.

5 And the sons of Rimmon, the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who lay on a bed at noon.

6 And they came there into the midst of the house *as though* they were wheat merchants, and they smote him under the fifth *rib*; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

7 For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him and beheaded him and took his head and walked all night through the plain.

8 And they brought the head of Ishbosheth unto David to Hebron and said to the king, Behold the head of Ishbosheth the son of Saul thy enemy, who sought thy life, and the LORD has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul and of his seed.

9 ¶ And David answered Rechab and Baanah, his brother, the sons of Rimmon, the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD lives, who has ransomed my soul out of all adversity,

10 when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him and slew him in Ziklag as a reward for his tidings.

11 How much more unto wicked men who have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? Shall I not, therefore, now require his blood of your hand and remove you from the earth?

12 Then David commanded his young men, and they slew them and cut off their hands and their feet and hung *them* up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried *it* in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

2 Samuel 5

1 ¶ Then all the tribes of Israel came unto David in Hebron and spoke, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh.

2 And even yesterday and the day before yesterday, when Saul was king over us, it was thou that didst lead out and bring in Israel; and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be prince over Israel.

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king in Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 ¶ Then the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, who dwelt in the land, who spoke unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in here, thinking, David cannot come in here.

7 Nevertheless, David took the fortress of Zion; the same *is* the city of David.

8 And David said on that day, Who shall go up the waterspout and smite the Jebusites and the lame and the blind, *that are* hated of David's soul? Therefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

9 So David dwelt in the fortress and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward.

10 And David went on and grew great, and the LORD God of the hosts *was* with him.

11 ¶ And Hiram, king of Tyre, also sent messengers to David, and cedar trees and carpenters and masons, and they built David a house.

12 And David understood that the LORD had confirmed him as king over Israel and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

13 And David took more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem after he had come from Hebron, and more sons and daughters were born unto David.

14 And these *were* the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia,

16 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphalet.

17 ¶ But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David, and David heard *of it* and went down to the fortress.

18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. {Heb. of the giants}

19 Then David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? Wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up, for I without a doubt will deliver the Philistines into thy hand.

20 And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there and said, The LORD has broken forth upon my enemies before me as the breach of waters. Therefore, he called the name of that place Baalperazim.

21 And they left their images there, and David and his men burned them.

22 And the Philistines came up yet again and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

23 And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up, *but* go around behind them and come upon them over against the mulberry trees,

24 and when thou hearest thunder going through the tops of the mulberry trees, then thou shalt move, for then the LORD shall go out before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

25 And David did so as the LORD had commanded him and smote the Philistines from Geba unto Gazer.

2 Samuel 6

1 ¶ Again, David gathered together all *the* chosen of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And David arose and went with all the people that *were* with him from Baale of Judah to bring up from there the ark of God upon which the name of the LORD of the hosts is invoked, who dwells there between the cherubim.

3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that *was* in Gibeah, and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab drove the new cart.

4 And when they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which *was* at Gibeah, with the ark of God, Ahio went before the ark.

5 And David and all the house of Israel danced before the LORD with all manner of *instruments made of* fir wood, even on harps and on psalteries and on timbrels and on cornets and on cymbals.

6 ¶ And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth *his hand* to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen shook *it*.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and God smote him there for *his* effrontery, and there he died by the ark of God.

8 And David was grieved because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah, and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day.

9 And David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?

10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David, but David carried it aside into the house of Obedom, the Gittite.

11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obedom the Gittite three months; and the LORD blessed Obedom, and all his household.

12 ¶ And it was told King David, saying, The LORD has blessed the house of Obedom and all that *pertains* unto him because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obedom into the city of David with gladness.

13 And it was so that when those that bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

14 And David danced before the LORD with all *his* might, and David was girded with a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the shofar.

16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.

17 And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it, and David offered burnt offerings and peace *offerings* before the LORD.

18 And as soon as David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of the hosts.

19 And he dealt among all the people, *even* among the whole multitude of Israel, to the men as well to the women, to each one a cake of bread and a good piece of flesh and a flagon *of wine*. So all the people departed each one to his house.

20 ¶ Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal, the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of the handmaids of his slaves as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!

21 Then David said unto Michal, *It was* before the LORD, who chose me over thy father and over all his house to appoint me prince over the people of the LORD, over Israel; therefore, I will dance before the LORD.

22 And I will yet be more vile than thus and will be base in my own sight and before the maidservants whom thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

23 Therefore, Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no children unto the day of her death.

2 Samuel 7

1 ¶ And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,

2 that the king said unto Nathan, the prophet, See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within curtains.

3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that *is* in thy heart, for the LORD *is* with thee.

4 ¶ And it came to pass that night that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

5 Go and tell my slave David, Thus hath the LORD said, Shalt thou build me a house for me to dwell in?

6 For I have not dwelt in *any* house since the time that I brought up the sons of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in *a* tent and in *a* tabernacle.

7 In all *the places* in which I have walked with all the sons of Israel did I speak a word in any of the tribes of Israel, unto whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why did ye not build me a house of cedar?

8 Now, therefore, so shalt thou say unto my slave David, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people, over Israel;

9 and I have been with thee wherever thou didst walk and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the earth.

10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, that they may dwell in their place and never again be removed; neither shall the sons of iniquity afflict them any more as before,

11 since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel. And I will cause thee to rest from all thy enemies. Likewise, the LORD makes thee to know that he will make thee a house.

12 And when thy days are fulfilled and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the stripes of the sons of men;

15 but my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I took away from before thee.

16 And thy house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee; thy throne shall be established for ever.

17 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

18 ¶ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said, O Lord GOD, Who am I and what is my house that thou hast brought me thus far?

19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy slave's house for a great while to come and that this shall be the condition of a man, O Lord GOD.

20 And what more can David say unto thee? For thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy slave.

21 For thou hast done all these great things by thy word and according to thine own heart to make thy slave know *them*.

22 Therefore, thou art great, O LORD God, for *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 And who in the earth is like thy people, like Israel? A Gentile for *the love of* whom God went to ransom as a people to himself and to give him a name and to do with you great and terrible things in thy land because of thy people whom thou didst redeem unto thee from Egypt, *from* the Gentiles and their gods?

24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel *to be* thy people for ever, and thou, LORD, have become their God.

25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy slave and concerning his house, raise *it* up for ever and do as thou hast said.

26 For *thus* shall thy name be magnified for ever that it *may* be said, The LORD of the hosts *is* God over Israel and that the house of thy slave David

be established before thee.

27 For thou, O LORD of the hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy slave, saying, I will build thee a house. Therefore, thy slave has found it in his heart to pray this prayer in thy presence.

28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou *art* God, and thy words shall be firm, and thou hast spoken this goodness unto thy slave.

29 Therefore, now let it please thee to bless the house of thy slave that it may continue for ever before thee, for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken *it*, and with thy blessing the house of thy slave shall be blessed for ever.

2 Samuel 8

1 ¶ And after this, it came to pass that David smote the Philistines and subdued them, and David took Methegammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 He also smote those of Moab and measured them with a line, causing them to lie down on the ground, and he measured them with two lines, *with one* to put to death and the *other* full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's slaves, bringing presents.

3 David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to extend his border to the river Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thousand seven hundred horsemen and twenty thousand footmen, and David hamstrung all the chariot *horses* but reserved of them *for* one hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians twenty-two thousand men.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus, and the Syrians became slaves to David, bringing presents. And the LORD saved David wherever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the slaves of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Likewise from Betah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a great quantity of brass.

9 ¶ When Toi, king of Hamath, heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer,

10 then Toi sent Joram, his son, unto King David, to greet him peacefully and to bless him because he had fought against Hadadezer and smitten him, for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And *Joram* brought vessels of silver and vessels of gold and vessels of brass in his hand,

11 which King David dedicated unto the LORD with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all Gentiles which he subdued

12 of the Syrians and of the Moabites and of the sons of Ammon and of the Philistines and of Amalekites and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob,

king of Zobah.

13 And David received fame when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt eighteen thousand *men*.

14 And he put garrisons in Edom; he put garrisons throughout all Edom, and all those of Edom became David's slaves. And the LORD saved David wherever he went.

15 ¶ And David reigned over all Israel, and David executed justice and righteousness unto all his people.

16 And Joab, the son of Zeruiah, *was* over the host, and Jehoshaphat, the son of Ahilud, *was* the writer of chronicles;

17 and Zadok, the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests, and Seraiah *was* the scribe,

18 and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, *was over* both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were priests.

2 Samuel 9

1 ¶ And David said, Is anyone left of the house of Saul that I may show him mercy for Jonathan's sake?

2 And *there was* a servant of the house of Saul whose name *was* Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, *Art* thou Ziba? And he said, Thy slave *is he*.

3 And the king said, *Is* there no one left of the house of Saul that I may show the mercy of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, There remains a son of Jonathan, *who is* lame on *his* feet.

4 And the king said unto him, *Where is* he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he *is* in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.

5 Then King David sent and took him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar.

6 Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, *was come* unto David, he fell on his face and worshipped. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy slave!

7 And David said unto him, Fear not; for I will surely show thee mercy for Jonathan, thy father's sake, and will restore *unto* thee all the land of Saul, thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himself and said, *Who is* thy slave, that thou should look upon such a dead dog as I *am*?

9 ¶ Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

10 Thou, therefore, and thy sons and thy slaves shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in *the fruits* that thy master's son may have bread to eat, but Mephibosheth, thy master's son, shall eat bread always at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty slaves.

11 Then Ziba said unto the king, According to all that my lord the king has commanded his slave, so shall thy slave do. As for Mephibosheth, *said the king*, he shall eat at my table as one of the king's sons.

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name *was* Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba *were* servants unto Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table and was lame on both his feet.

2 Samuel 10

1 ¶ And it came to pass after this that the king of the sons of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead.

2 Then David said, I will show mercy unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed mercy unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his slaves for his father. And David's slaves came into the land of the sons of Ammon.

3 And the princes of the sons of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Does it appear unto thee that David has sent comforters unto thee to honour thy father? Has not David *rather* sent his slaves unto thee to search the city and to spy it out and to overthrow it?

4 Therefore, Hanun took David's slaves and shaved off the one half of their beards and cut off their garments in the middle *even* to their buttocks and sent them away.

5 When they told *it* unto David, he sent to meet them because the men were greatly ashamed, and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards are grown and *then* return.

6 ¶ And when the sons of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the sons of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Bethrehob and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ishtob twelve thousand men.

7 And when David heard of *it*, he sent Joab and all the host of the mighty men.

8 And the sons of Ammon came out and ordered their troops at the entering in of the gate, and the Syrians of Zoba and of Rehob and Ishtob and Maacah *were in order* by themselves in the field.

9 When Joab saw that there were troops before and behind him, he chose from among the chosen *men* of Israel and put *them* in order against the Syrians.

10 *Then* he delivered the rest of the people into the hand of Abishai his brother that he might put *them* in order against the sons of Ammon.

11 And he said, If the Syrians are too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the sons of Ammon are too strong for thee, then I will come and help

thee.

12 Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God; and let the LORD do that which seems good unto him.

13 And Joab drew near and the people that *were* with him, to do battle against the Syrians, and they fled before him.

14 And when the sons of Ammon saw that the Syrians had fled, they also fled before Abishai and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the sons of Ammon and came to Jerusalem.

15 ¶ And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together.

16 And Hadarezer sent and brought out the Syrians that *were* beyond the river, and they came to Helam, and Shobach, the captain of the host of Hadarezer, *went* before them.

17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together and passed over the Jordan and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in order against David and fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel, and David slew *the men of* seven hundred chariots of the Syrians and forty thousand horsemen and smote Shobach, the captain of their host, who died there.

19 And when all the kings *that were* slaves to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the sons of Ammon any more.

2 Samuel 11

1 ¶ And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth *to battle*, that David sent Joab and his slaves with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

2 And it came to pass one evening, that David arose from off his bed and walked upon the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself, and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon.

3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah, the Hittite?

4 And David sent messengers and took her, and she came in unto him, and he lay with her. Then she purified herself from her uncleanness, and she returned unto her house.

5 And the woman conceived and sent and told David and said, I *am* with child.

6 ¶ Then David sent to Joab, *saying*, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 And when Uriah had come unto him, David asked *him* how Joab was and how the people were and how the war prospered.

8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and royal food was sent unto him.

9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the slaves of his lord and did not go down to his house.

10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah did not go down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Didst thou not come from *thy* journey? Why *then* didst thou not go down to thy house?

11 And Uriah said unto David, The ark and Israel and Judah abide in tents, and my lord Joab and the slaves of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? *By thy* life and *by* the life of thy soul, I will not do this thing.

12 And David said to Uriah, Tarry here today also, and tomorrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day and the next day.

13 And when David had called him, he ate and drank before him, and he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his bed with the slaves of his lord but did not go down to his house.

14 ¶ And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle and retire from him, that he may be smitten and die.

16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that the most valiant men *were*.

17 And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and *some* of the people of the slaves of David fell, and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war

19 and charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast finished telling the matters of the war unto the king,

20 and if the king begins to be angry and he should say unto thee, Why did you approach so near unto the city when ye fought? Did ye not know that which they can throw down from the wall?

21 Who smote Abimelech, the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? Why did you go near the wall? Then thou shalt say, Thy slave Uriah, the Hittite, is dead also.

22 So the messenger went and came and told David all that Joab had sent him for.

23 And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us and came out unto us into the field, and we made them retreat unto the entering of the gate.

24 And the archers shot from off the wall upon thy slaves, and *some* of the king's slaves are dead, and thy slave Uriah, the Hittite, is dead also.

25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devours one as well as another; strengthen the battle against the city until it is overthrown and encourage thou him.

26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah, her husband, was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and gave birth to a son unto him. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

2 Samuel 12

1 ¶ And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich and the other poor.

2 The rich *man* had exceeding many sheep and cows,

3 but the poor *man* had nothing except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up, and it grew up together with him and with his children; it ate of his own food and drank of his own cup and lay in his bosom and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And a traveller came unto the rich man, who did not wish to take of his own sheep and of his own cows to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him, but took the poor man's lamb and dressed it for the man that had come to him.

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, As the LORD lives, the man that has done this *thing* is worthy of death,

6 and he shall pay for the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity.

7 Then Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man. Thus hath said the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul,

8 and I gave thee thy master's house and thy master's wives into thy bosom and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah, and if *that is* too little, I shall add unto thee such and such things.

9 Why, therefore, hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? Thou hast killed Uriah, the Hittite, with the sword and hast taken his wife *to be* thy wife and hast slain him with the sword of the sons of Ammon.

10 Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from thy house because thou hast despised me and hast taken the wife of Uriah, the Hittite, to be thy wife.

11 Thus hath the LORD said, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thy own house, and I will take thy wives before thy eyes and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For thou hast done *it* secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.

13 Then David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also has taken away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

14 However, because by this deed, thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme; the son that is born unto thee shall surely die.

15 ¶ And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife had given birth unto David, and it was very sick.

16 David, therefore, besought God for the child, and David fasted and went in and lay all night upon the earth.

17 And the elders of his house arose *and went* to him to raise him up from the earth, but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

18 And it came to pass on the seventh day that the child died. And the slaves of David feared to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice; how much more will it trouble him if we tell him that the child is dead?

19 But when David saw that his slaves whispered, David understood that the child was dead; therefore, David said unto his slaves, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

20 Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed *himself* and changed his clothes and came into the house of the LORD and worshipped. Then he came to his own house; and when he asked, they set bread before him, and he ate.

21 Then his slaves said unto him, What *is* this that thou hast done? Thou didst fast and weep for the child *while it was alive*; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

22 And he replied, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, Who can tell *whether* GOD will have mercy on me, that the child may live?

23 But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

24 And David comforted Bathsheba, his wife, and went in unto her and lay with her; and she gave birth to a son, and he called his name Solomon; {Heb. peace offering} and the LORD loved him.

25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan, the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, {Heb. beloved of the LORD} by the LORD.

26 ¶ And Joab fought against Rabbah, of the sons of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 Then Joab sent messengers to David and said, I have fought against Rabbah and have taken the city of waters.

28 Now, therefore, gather the rest of the people together and encamp against the city and take it lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.

29 And David gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah and fought against it and took it.

30 And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight of which was a talent of gold with the precious stones, and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.

31 And he brought forth the people that *were* therein and put *them* under saws and under harrows of iron and under axes of iron and made them pass through the brickkiln, and thus did he unto all the cities of the sons of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 13

1 ¶ And it came to pass after this that Absalom, the son of David, had a beautiful sister, whose name *was* Tamar, and Amnon, the son of David, loved her.

2 And Amnon was so distressed that he fell sick for his sister Tamar, for she *was* a virgin, and Amnon thought it difficult for him to do any thing to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name *was* Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother, and Jonadab *was* a very astute man.

4 And he said unto him, Why *art* thou, *being* the king's son, becoming thinner from day to day? Wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.

5 And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed and pretend to be sick; and when thy father comes to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come and give me food and make the food in my sight that I may see *it* and eat *it* at her hand.

6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick, and when the king came to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar, my sister, come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight that I may eat at her hand.

7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house and make him something to eat.

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, and he was lying down. And she took flour and kneaded *it* and made cakes in his sight and baked the cakes.

9 Then she took a pan and poured *them* out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Send everyone out from me. And they all went out from him.

10 Then Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the food into the chamber that I may eat from thy hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made and brought *them* into the chamber to Amnon, her brother.

11 And when she had brought *them* unto him to eat, he took hold of her and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

12 And she answered him, No, my brother, do not force me, for no such thing ought to be done in Israel. Do not commit this folly.

13 And I, where shall I go with my reproach? And as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now, therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king, for he will not withhold me from thee.

14 Howbeit, he would not hearken unto her voice, but, being stronger than she, forced her and lay with her.

15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly so that the hatred with which he hated her *was* greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.

16 And she said unto him, *There is* no cause; this evil in sending me away *is* greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her.

17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him and said, Put now this *woman* out from me and bolt the door after her.

18 And *she had* a garment of different colours upon her, for with such robes were the king's daughters *that were* virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out and bolted the door after her.

19 And Tamar put ashes on her head and rent her garment of different colours that *was* on her and laid her hand on her head and went on crying.

20 And Absalom, her brother, said unto her, Has Amnon thy brother been with thee? But now remain silent, my sister; he is thy brother; do not regard this thing in thy heart. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

21 ¶ But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry.

22 And Absalom spoke neither good nor bad unto his brother Amnon, for Absalom hated Amnon because he had forced his sister Tamar.

23 And it came to pass after two full years that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baalhazor, which *is* beside Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

24 And Absalom came to the king and said, Behold now, thy slave has sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his slaves go with thy slave.

25 And the king said to Absalom, No, my son, let us not all go lest we be burdensome unto thee. And he pressed him; however, he would not go but

blessed him.

26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee?

27 But because Absalom pressed him, he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon, then kill him. Fear not; have I not commanded you? Be courageous, and be valiant.

29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and they all got upon their mules and fled.

30 ¶ And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that the rumour came to David, saying, Absalom has slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the king arose and tore his garments and lay on the earth; and all his slaves stood by with their clothes rent.

32 And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said, Do not let my lord suppose *that* they have slain all the young men, the king's sons, for only Amnon is dead, for by the mouth of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

33 Now, therefore, do not let my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead, for only Amnon is dead.

34 But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there came many people by the way of the side of the mountain behind him.

35 And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come; as thy slave said, so it is.

36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came and lifted up their voice and wept. And the king also and all his slaves wept very sore.

37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son every day.

38 So *after* Absalom fled and went to Geshur, he was there three years.

39 And King David longed to see Absalom, for he was now comforted concerning Amnon, who was dead.

2 Samuel 14

1 ¶ Now Joab, the son of Zeruiah, perceived that the king's heart *was* toward Absalom.

2 And Joab sent to Tekoa and brought an astute woman from there and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner and put on mourning apparel and do not anoint thyself with oil, but be as a woman that has mourned for a long time for someone who is dead

3 and come to the king and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

4 And when the woman of Tekoa spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and did obeisance and said, Save *me*, O king.

5 And the king said unto her, What ails thee? And she answered, I am a widow woman, and my husband is dead.

6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and the two strove together in the field, and *there was* no one to part them, but the one smote the other and slew him.

7 And, behold, the whole family is risen against thy handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he slew, and we will destroy the heir also. So they shall quench my coal which is left and shall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder upon the earth.

8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thy house, and I will give a command concerning thee.

9 And the woman of Tekoa said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity *be* on me and on my father's house; and the king and his throne *be* guiltless.

10 And the king said, Whoever speaks against thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more.

11 Then she said, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, that thou will not allow the avengers {Heb. redeemers} of blood to increase the damage by destroying my son. And he said, As the LORD lives, not one hair of thy son shall fall to the earth.

12 Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak *one* word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on.

13 And the woman said, Why then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? For the king speaks this word as one who is guilty in that the king does not bring home again his banished.

14 For it is certain that we die and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither does God respect *any* person; yet he does devise means that his outcasts not be expelled from him.

15 Now, therefore, that I have come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king because the people have made me afraid. But thy handmaid said *to herself*, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the word of his handmaid.

16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God.

17 Then thy handmaid said, Let the word of my lord the king bring rest; for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and evil; and let the LORD thy God be with thee.

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

19 And the king said, *Is not* the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, By the life of thy soul, my lord the king, I can not turn to the right hand or to the left from all that my lord the king has spoken; for thy slave Joab, he commanded me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thy handmaid;

20 to bring about this form of speech thy slave Joab has done this thing; but my lord *is* wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know that which is *done* in the earth.

21 ¶ Then the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing; go, therefore, bring the young man Absalom again.

22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face and worshipped and blessed the king, and Joab said, Today thy slave knows that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has fulfilled the word of his slave.

23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 But the king said, Let him go to his own house and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and did not see the king's face.

25 And in all Israel there was no one to be so greatly praised as Absalom for his beauty; from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he shaved his head (for it was at every year's end that he shaved *it*: because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore, he shaved it), the hair of his head weighed two hundred shekels after the king's weight.

27 And unto Absalom there were born three sons and one daughter, whose name *was* Tamar, who was a beautiful woman to behold.

28 ¶ So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem and did not see the king's face.

29 Therefore, Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him; and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

30 Therefore, he said unto his slaves, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's slaves set the field on fire.

31 Then Joab arose and came to Absalom unto *his* house and said unto him, Why have thy slaves set my field on fire?

32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I have sent for thee, saying, Come here, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Why have I come from Geshur? *It would have been* better for me *to have been* there still. Now, therefore, let me see the king's face; and if there is *any* iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Joab came to the king and told him. Then he called Absalom, who came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king; and the king kissed Absalom.

2 Samuel 15

1 ¶ And it came to pass after this that Absalom prepared himself chariots and horses and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Absalom rose up early and stood beside the way of the gate; and when anyone that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto them and said, Of what city *art* thou? And he said, Thy slave *is* of one of the tribes of Israel.

3 And Absalom would say unto them, See, thy matters *are* good and just; but *there is* no one *delegated* by the king to hear thee.

4 And Absalom would say, Oh, that I were made judge in the land, that everyone who has any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!

5 And it was so, that when anyone came near *unto him* to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand and took him and kissed him.

6 And Absalom did according to this manner with all Israel that came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole the hearts of those of Israel.

7 ¶ And at the end of *a predetermined period of* forty years, it came to pass that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go to Hebron and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD.

8 For thy slave vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.

9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose and went to Hebron.

10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the shofar, then ye shall say, Absalom reigns in Hebron.

11 And two hundred men of Jerusalem went with Absalom, *that were* invited by *him*, and they went in their integrity, without knowing anything.

12 Absalom also sent for Ahithophel, the Gilonite, of David's counsel, from his city, *even* from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong, for the people increased continually with Absalom.

13 ¶ And the word came to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

14 Then David said unto all his slaves that *were* with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee, for we shall not *otherwise* escape from Absalom; make speed to depart lest he overtake us suddenly and bring evil upon us and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

15 And the king's slaves said unto the king, Behold, thy slaves *are ready to do* whatever my lord the king shall choose.

16 And the king went forth and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, *who were* concubines, to keep the house.

17 And the king went forth and all the people after him and stopped in a place that was far off.

18 And all his slaves passed to his side, and all the Cherethites and all the Pelethites and all the Gittites, six hundred men who had come on foot *with him* from Gath, went before the king.

19 Then the king said to Ittai, the Gittite, Why dost thou also go with us? Return to thy place and abide with the king; for thou *art* a stranger and also an exile.

20 Whereas thou didst come *but* yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? Seeing I go where I go, return thou and take back thy brethren; mercy and truth *are* in thee.

21 And Ittai answered the king and said, As the LORD lives and *as* my lord the king lives, for life or for death, wherever my lord the king shall be, there also will thy slave be.

22 Then David said to Ittai, Go, therefore, and pass. And Ittai, the Gittite, passed and all his men and all the little ones that *were* with him.

23 And all those of the land wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed the brook Kidron; and then the king also passed, and all the people passed unto the way of the wilderness.

24 ¶ And behold Zadok also and with him all the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of God, and they set down the ark of God. And Abiathar went up after all the people had finished leaving the city.

25 But the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city; if I shall find grace in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again and show

me *both* it and his tabernacle.

26 But if he should say, I have no delight in thee; behold, *here I am*, let him do to me as seems good unto him.

27 The king said also unto Zadok, the priest, *Art not* thou a seer? Return into the city in peace and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz, thy son, and Jonathan, the son of Abiathar.

28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness until you send word to me.

29 Then Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem, and they remained there.

30 And David went up by the ascent of *Mount Olivet* and wept as he went up and had his head covered, and he went barefoot. And all the people that *were* with him covered each one his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

31 ¶ And it was told David, saying, Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom. Then David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into folly.

32 And it came to pass that *when* David came to the top *of the mount* to worship God there, behold, Hushai, the Archite came to meet him, with his coat rent and earth upon his head,

33 Unto whom David said, If thou pass on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me;

34 but if thou return to the city and say unto Absalom, I will be thy slave, O king *as I have been* thy father's slave until now, so *will* I now also *be* thy slave; then thou may defeat the counsel of Ahithophel for me.

35 Are not Zadok and Abiathar, the priests, there with thee? Therefore, it shall be *that* whatever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell *it* to Zadok and Abiathar, the priests.

36 Behold, *they have* there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok's *son*, and Jonathan, Abiathar's *son*; and by them you shall send unto me everything that you hear.

37 So Hushai, David's special companion came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 16

1 ¶ And when David was a little past the top *of the mountain*, behold, Ziba, the servant of Mephibosheth, met him with a couple of asses saddled and upon them two hundred *loaves* of bread and one hundred bunches of raisins and one hundred of summer fruits and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses *are* for the king's household to ride on, and the bread and summer fruit for the servants to eat, and the wine that those that become weary in the wilderness may drink.

3 And the king said, And where *is* thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abides at Jerusalem, for he said, Today shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.

4 Then the king said to Ziba, Behold, thine *are* all that *pertained* unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba bowed down and said, Let me find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

5 ¶ And when King David came to Bahurim, behold, a man of the family of the house of Saul came forth, whose name *was* Shimei, the son of Gera; he came forth cursing

6 and casting stones at David and at all the slaves of King David; and all the people and all the mighty men *were* on his right hand and on his left.

7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial;

8 the LORD has returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom, thy son; and, behold, thou *art taken* in thy evil because thou *art* a bloody man.

9 Then Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, said unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse, my lord the king? Let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? So let him curse, because the LORD has said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Why hast thou done so?

11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his slaves, Behold, my son, who came forth of my bowels, seeks my life; how much more now a son of Jemini? Let him alone, and let him curse, for the LORD has bidden him.

12 It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day.

13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the side of the mountain over against him and cursed as he went and threw stones at him and cast dust.

14 And the king and all the people that *were* with him arrived weary and refreshed themselves there.

15 ¶ And Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 And it came to pass when Hushai the Archite, David's special companion, came unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, *Long* live the king, *Long* live the king.

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is this thy mercy to thy friend? Why didst thou not go with thy friend?*

18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, No, but whom the LORD and this people and all the men of Israel choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.

19 And again, whom should I serve? *Should I* not *serve* in the presence of his son? As I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do.

21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father; then the hands of all that *are* with thee shall be strong.

22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house, and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

23 And the counseled of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, *was* as if a man had enquired at the word of God: so *was* all the counseled of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

2 Samuel 17

1 ¶ Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night,

2 and I will come upon him while he *is* weary and weak-handed and will make him afraid, and all the people that *are* with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only.

3 Thus will I turn all the people back unto thee, and when they have returned (for that man is whom thou dost seek), all the people shall be in peace.

4 And this word seemed right in the eyes of Absalom and of all the elders of Israel.

5 Then Absalom said, Now call Hushai, the Archite, also, and let us likewise hear what he says.

6 And when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spoke unto him, saying, Thus spoke Ahithophel; shall we follow his word or not? Speak thou.

7 Then Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel has given this time *is* not good.

8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they *are* mighty men, and *now* their souls are bitter, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field. And thy father *is* a man of war and will not lodge with the people.

9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit or in some *other* place, and if some of thy *men* are overthrown at the beginning, whoever hears of it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom.

10 Thus even the valiant, whose heart *is* as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt, for all Israel knows that thy father *is* a mighty man and *those* who *are* with him *are* valiant men.

11 Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude, and that thou go to battle in thine own person.

12 Then we shall come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falls on the ground; and of him and

of all the men that *are* with him, there shall not be left so much as one.

13 Moreover, if he goes into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river until not even one small stone is found there.

14 Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai, the Archite, *is* better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had given orders to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

15 ¶ Then Hushai said unto Zadok and to Abiathar, the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counselled Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and thus have I counselled.

16 Now, therefore, send quickly and tell David, saying, Do not lodge this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass *the Jordan*; lest the king be swallowed up and all the people that *are* with him.

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by Enrogel, for they could not be seen coming into the city; and a maidservant went and told them, and they went and told King David.

18 Nevertheless, a young man saw them and told Absalom, but both of them went away quickly and came to a man's house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court, and they went down into it.

19 And the woman *of the house* took and spread a covering over the well's mouth and spread ground wheat upon it, and the thing was not known.

20 And when Absalom's slaves came to the woman to the house, they said, Where *is* Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They have gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find *them*, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass, after they had departed, that they came up out of the well and went and told King David and said unto David, Arise and pass quickly over the water, for thus has Ahithophel counselled against you.

22 ¶ Then David arose and all the people that *were* with him, and they passed over the Jordan before the morning light; there lacked not one of them that was not gone over the Jordan.

23 And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled *his* ass and arose, and went home to his house, to his city, and put his

household in order and hanged himself and died and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

24 Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed the Jordan with all the men of Israel.

25 And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab; this Amasa was the son of a man of Israel named Ithra, who had gone in to Abigail, the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah, Joab's mother.

26 So Israel pitched camp with Absalom in the land of Gilead.

27 And it came to pass, when David arrived at Mahanaim, that Shobi, the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the sons of Ammon; and Machir, the son of Ammiel of Lodebar; and Barzillai, the Gileadite of Rogelim,

28 brought beds and basins and earthen vessels and wheat and barley and flour and parched *wheat* and beans and lentils and parched *grain*

29 and honey and butter and sheep and cheese of cows for David and for the people that *were* with him, to eat, for they said, These people *are* hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness.

2 Samuel 18

1 ¶ And David numbered the people that *were* with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.

2 And David sent forth a third *part* of the people under the hand of Joab and another third under the hand of Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and the other third under the hand of Ittai, the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.

3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth, for if we flee away, they will not care about us; nor if half of us die, will they care about us; but now *thou art* worth ten thousand of us. Therefore, now *it is* better that thou help us out of the city.

4 Then the king said unto them, I will do what seems best unto you. And the king stood beside the gate, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, *Deal* gently for my sake with the young man, *even* with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6 So the people went out into the field against Israel, and the battle was in the forest of Ephraim,

7 where the people of Israel were slain before the slaves of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand *men*.

8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the land, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 ¶ And Absalom met the slaves of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that *was* under him went away.

10 And a certain man saw *it* and told Joab, saying, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.

11 And Joab replied unto the man that told him, Behold, when thou didst see *him*, why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? I would have given thee ten *shekels* of silver and a girdle.

12 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in my hand, yet I would not put forth my hand against the king's son, for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that no one *touch* the young man Absalom.

13 Otherwise, I should have wrought falsehood against my own soul (for there is no matter hid from the king), and thou thyself would have set thyself against *me*.

14 Then Joab answered, I may not tarry thus with thee. And taking three darts in his hand, he thrust them through the heart of Absalom while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak.

15 And ten young men that bore Joab's armour surrounded and smote Absalom and slew him.

16 Then Joab blew the shofar, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel, for Joab held back the people.

17 And they took Absalom and cast him into a great pit in the forest and laid a very great heap of stones upon him; and all Israel fled each one to his tent.

18 Now Absalom, while he was alive, had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which *is* in the king's valley; for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance. And he called the pillar after his own name, and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place. {Heb. hand}

19 ¶ Then Ahimaaz, the son of Zadok, said, Let me now run and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD has vindicated him of his enemies.

20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings today, but thou shalt bear tidings another day; but this day thou shalt bear no tidings because the king's son is dead.

21 And Joab said to Cush, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cush bowed himself unto Joab and ran.

22 Then Ahimaaz, the son of Zadok, said yet again unto Joab, Be what may, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cush. And Joab said, Why wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou wilt receive no reward for the tidings?

23 But, *said he*, let me run, be what may. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain and overran Cush.

24 And David sat between the two gates, and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall and lifted up his eyes and looked, and

behold a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried and told the king. And the king said, If he *is* alone, he brings good news. *And while* he kept on drawing near,

26 the watchman saw another man running, and the watchman called unto the porter and said, Behold *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman said, I think the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz, the son of Zadok. And the king said, He *is* a good man and comes with good tidings.

28 And Ahimaaz called and said unto the king peace. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD thy God, who has delivered up those men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king.

29 And the king said, Is the young man Absalom at peace? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's slave, and *me* thy slave, I saw a great tumult, but I did not know what *it was*.

30 And the king said *unto him*, Turn aside *and* stand here. And he turned aside and stood still.

31 And, behold, Cushie came; and Cushie said, Tidings, my lord the king, for the LORD has vindicated thee today of all those that rose up against thee.

32 And the king said unto Cushie, Is the young man Absalom at peace? And Cushie answered, Let the enemies of my lord the king and all that rise against thee for evil, be as *that* young man.

33 Then the king was much moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept; and as he went, he said this: O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! I would rather have died instead of thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

2 Samuel 19

- 1 ¶ And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom.
- 2 And that day the salvation was *turned* into mourning for all the people, for the people heard it said that day how the king was grieved for his son.
- 3 And the people entered by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.
- 4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!
- 5 And Joab entering into the house of the king, said unto him, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy slaves, who this day have saved thy life and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters and the lives of thy wives and the lives of thy concubines,
- 6 by loving those who hate thee and hating thy friends. For thou hast declared this day that thou dost not regard thy princes nor thy slaves. For this day I perceive that if Absalom had lived and we had all died today, *then this would be* right in thine eyes.
- 7 Now, therefore, arise, go forth and speak unto the heart of thy slaves, for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, not one of them will abide with thee tonight and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that has come upon thee from thy youth until now.
- 8 Then the king arose and sat in the gate. And it was declared unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king sits in the gate. And all the people came before the king, but Israel had fled every man to his tent.
- 9 ¶ And all the people were in contention throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines, and now he has fled out of the land for Absalom.
- 10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now, therefore, why are ye silent regarding bringing the king back?
- 11 And King David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar, the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why shall ye be the last to bring the king back to his house? Seeing that the word of all Israel has come to the king, *to return him* to his house.

12 Ye *are* my brethren, ye *are* my bones and my flesh; why then are ye the last to bring back the king?

13 Likewise say ye to Amasa, *Art* thou not of my bone and of my flesh? God do so to me and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the place of Joab.

14 And he inclined the heart of all the men of Judah, even as *the heart of* one man, so that they sent *this word* unto the king, Return thou and all thy slaves.

15 So the king returned and came to the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over the Jordan.

16 ¶ And Shimei, the son of Gera, son of Jemini, who *was* of Bahurim, hastened and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David.

17 And *there were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him; likewise Ziba, the slave of the house of Saul and his fifteen sons and his twenty slaves with him, who went over the Jordan before the king.

18 Then the ferry boat went over to carry over the king's household and to do what he desired. Then Shimei, the son of Gera, fell down before the king, as he was passing the Jordan,

19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither retain the memory of the wickedness that thy slave did the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should guard it in his heart.

20 For I, thy slave, know that I have sinned; therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this because he cursed the LORD's anointed?

22 Then David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? Shall anyone be put to death today in Israel? Do I not know that I *am* this day king over Israel?

23 And the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king swore unto him.

24 ¶ Mephibosheth, the son of Saul, also came down to meet the king and had neither washed his feet nor trimmed his beard nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came *again* in peace.

25 And after he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said unto him, Why didst thou not go with me, Mephibosheth?

26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my slave deceived me, for thy slave said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride upon it and go to the king because thy slave *is* lame.

27 And he has slandered thy slave unto my lord the king, but my lord the king *is* as an angel of God; do therefore *what is* good in thine eyes.

28 For all *of* my father's house were worthy of death before my lord the king; yet thou didst set thy slave among those that eat at thy own table. What righteousness, therefore, have I yet to cry any more unto the king?

29 And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more words? I have determined, Thou and Ziba divide the land.

30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Let him even take it all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

31 ¶ Barzillai, the Gileadite, also came down from Rogelim and went over the Jordan with the king to conduct him over the Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, of eighty years, who had provided the king with sustenance while he was at Mahanaim, for he *was* a very great man.

33 And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem.

34 And Barzillai said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?

35 I *am* this day eighty years old, *and* shall I tell the difference between the good and the bad? Shall thy slave enjoy what I eat or what I drink? Shall I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should thy slave be yet a burden unto my lord the king?

36 Thy slave will go a little way over the Jordan with the king, and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

37 Let thy slave, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in my own city *and be buried* by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy slave Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king, and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.

38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do with him that which shall seem good unto thee, and whatever thou shalt ask of me, *that* will I do for thee.

39 And all the people went over the Jordan. And when the king had also come over, the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned unto his own place.

40 ¶ Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him; and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

41 And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah, stolen thee away and have brought the king and his household and all David's men with him, over the Jordan?

42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king *is* near of kin to us. Why then are ye angry for this matter? Have we eaten anything at the king's cost? Or has he given us any gift?

43 Then the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David than ye; why then did ye not take us into account? Did we not speak first about bringing back our king? But *in the end* words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

2 Samuel 20

1 ¶ And a man of Belial happened to be there, whose name *was* Sheba, the son of Bichri, a man of Jemini, and he blew the shofar, saying, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to his tents, O Israel.

2 So all the men of Israel went up from after David *and* followed Sheba, the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah cleaved unto their king from the Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 And *when* David came to his house at Jerusalem, the king took the ten women, *his* concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward and fed them, but did not go in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 ¶ Then the king said to Amasa, Assemble me the men of Judah for the third day, and be thou here present.

5 So Amasa went to assemble *the men of* Judah, but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

6 And David said to Abishai, Now Sheba, the son of Bichri, shall do us more harm than Absalom; take thou thy lord's slaves and pursue after him lest he find fenced cities and escape us.

7 Then Joab's men went out after him, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites and all the mighty men; and they went out of Jerusalem to pursue after Sheba, the son of Bichri.

8 When they *were* at the great stone which *is* in Gibeon, Amasa came out and met them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him and upon it a girdle *with* a sword fastened upon his loins in its sheath, and as he went forth, it fell out.

9 And Joab said to Amasa, *Art* thou in peace, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa took no heed of the sword that *was* in Joab's hand; and he smote him with it in the fifth *rib*, and shed out his bowels to the ground and struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai, his brother, pursued after Sheba, the son of Bichri.

11 And one of Joab's servants stood by him, and said, He that favours Joab and he that *is* for David, *let him go* after Joab.

12 And Amasa had wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stopped, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field and cast a garment upon him because he saw that every one that came by him stopped.

13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people that followed Joab passed on, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 ¶ And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel and to Bethmaachah and all the Berites; and they were gathered together and also went after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Bethmaachah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and *the people* went against the wall; and all the people that *were* with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down.

16 Then a wise woman cried out in the city, Hear, hear, I pray you, tell Joab to come here, that I may speak with him.

17 And when he had come near unto her, the woman said, *Art* thou Joab? And he answered, I *am he*. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thy handmaid. And he answered, I hear.

18 Then she spoke, saying, They used to speak in old times, saying, If you have a question ask it at Abel; and so they concluded *the matter*.

19 I am one of those that are peaceable *and* faithful in Israel, and thou seekest to destroy a city that is a mother in Israel; why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?

20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me that I should swallow up or destroy.

21 The matter *is* not so, but a man of Mount Ephraim, Sheba, the son of Bichri, by name, has lifted up his hand against King David; give only him over, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall.

22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba, the son of Bichri, and cast *it* out to Joab. And he blew the shofar, and they retired from the city, each one to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

23 ¶ So Joab *remained* over all the host of Israel, and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, *was* over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites;

24 and Adoram *was* over the tribute, and Jehoshaphat, the son of Ahilud, *was* writer of the chronicles,

25 and Sheva *was* scribe, and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests;

26 and Ira, the Jairite, *was* David's priest.

2 Samuel 21

1 ¶ Then there was a famine in the days of David for three consecutive years, and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, *It is because of Saul and because of his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.*

2 And the king called the Gibeonites and said unto them: (now the Gibeonites *were* not of the sons of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the sons of Israel had sworn unto them, and Saul had sought to slay them in his zeal for the sons of Israel and Judah).

3 Therefore, David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make reconciliation that ye may bless the inheritance of the LORD?

4 And the Gibeonites replied unto him, We have no *quarrel* regarding silver nor gold with Saul, nor with his house; neither do we desire that anyone in Israel should die. And he said unto them, What ye shall say *that* will I do for you.

5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us and that devised against us, let us destroy him that nothing *of him* remains in any of the borders of Israel.

6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will disjoint them, *hanging them from a tree*, unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, *whom* the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give *them*.

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that *was* between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah, whom she gave birth unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth, and five sons of Michal, the daughter of Saul, whom she had given birth unto Adriel, the son of Barzillai, the Meholathite;

9 and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they disjointed them *hanging them from a tree* in the hill before the LORD; and they fell *all* seven together and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley harvest.

10 ¶ And Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah, took sackcloth and spread it upon the rock from the beginning of harvest until water rained upon them out of heaven and allowed neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 And it was told David what Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

12 Then David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan, his son, from the men of Jabeshgilead, who had stolen them from the plaza of Bethshan where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa;

13 and he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan, his son; and they gathered the bones of those that had been disjointed *by being hanged from a tree*,

14 and they buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan, his son, in the land of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father; and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land.

15 ¶ And the Philistines made war again with Israel; and David went down, and his slaves with him, and fought against the Philistines; and David became weary.

16 And Ishbibenob, who *was* of the sons of the giant, and the weight of whose spear *was* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, was girded with a new sword and had determined to kill David.

17 But Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, helped David, and smote the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, From now on thou shalt not go out with us to battle that thou not quench the light of Israel.

18 And after this, there was a second war with the Philistines at Gob; then Sibbechai, the Hushathite, slew Saph, who *was* of the sons of the giant.

19 And there was another war in Gob with the Philistines where Elhanan, the son of Jaareoregim of Bethlehem, slew Goliath, the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.

20 And after that there was another war in Gath where there was a man of *great* stature, that had six fingers on every hand, and six toes on every foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was of the sons of the giant.

21 And when he dishonoured Israel, Jonathan, the son of Shimea, the brother of David, slew him.

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his slaves.

2 Samuel 22

1 ¶ And David spoke the words of this song unto the LORD in the day *that* the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies and out of the hand of Saul.

2 ¶ And he said, The LORD *is* my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.

3 God is my Strong One; in him will I trust: *he is* my shield and the horn of my saving health; my defence and my refuge; my saviour, who shall save me from violence.

4 I will call on the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.

5 When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of Belial made me afraid;

6 *when* the cords of Sheol compassed me about; the snares of death came before me;

7 in my distress I called upon the LORD and cried to my God, who heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry *entered* into his ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the heavens were moved and shook because he was wroth.

9 Smoke went up from his nostrils, and fire devoured out of his mouth; coals were kindled by it.

10 And he lowered the heavens and came down, and darkness *was* under his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub and flew; and he appeared upon the wings of the wind.

12 He placed darkness like tabernacles round about him, dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.

13 From the brightness of his presence, coals of fire were kindled.

14 The LORD thundered from the heavens, and the most High uttered his voice;

15 he sent out arrows and scattered them; he *sent forth* lightning, and consumed them.

16 Then the springs of the sea appeared and the foundations of the world were uncovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17 He extended *his hand* from above, he took me; he drew me out of the impetuous waters;

18 he delivered me from strong enemies, from those that hated me, who were stronger than I.

19 They came upon me unawares in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my stay.

20 He brought me forth into a large place; he delivered me, because he had put his will in me.

21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has recompensed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23 For I have all his ordinances before me and am attentive to his statutes; I will not depart from them.

24 And I was perfect before him and have kept myself from my iniquity.

25 Therefore, the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness before his eyes.

26 With the merciful thou art good, *and* with the perfect thou art upright.

27 With the pure thou art pure, and with the perverse thou art an adversary.

28 Thou wilt save the poor *in spirit*; but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty *that* thou may bring *them* down.

29 For thou *art* my lamp, O LORD, and the LORD gives light unto my darkness.

30 For in thee I have run through a troop; with my God I have gone over the walls.

31 As *for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* purified; he *is* a shield to all those that trust in him.

32 For what God *is there* except the LORD? Or who *is* a Strong One, except our God?

33 God *is* he who strengthens me with virtue; he who clears my way;

34 he who makes my feet like hinds' *feet*, and he who sets me upon my high places;

35 he who trains my hands for war and *causes* my arms to break the bow of bronze.

36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy saving health, and thy meekness has multiplied me.

37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me so that my knees did not shake.

38 I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them and did not return until I had consumed them.

39 And I consumed them and wounded them, and they did not arise; they are fallen under my feet.

40 For thou hast girded me with strength for the battle; thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

41 Thou hast given me the necks of my enemies, of those that hate me, that I might cut them off.

42 They looked, but *there was* no one to save them; *even* unto the LORD, but he did not answer them.

43 Then I beat them as small as the dust of the earth; I stamped them as the mire of the street *and* spread them abroad.

44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of peoples; thou hast kept me *to be* head of the Gentiles; peoples *whom* I did not know have served me.

45 The strangers trembled *before* my *command*; as soon as they heard, they obeyed me.

46 The strangers withered away and trembled in their close places.

47 The LORD lives, and blessed *be* my rock, and exalted be the God *who is* the rock of my salvation.

48 The God who has given me revenge and who subjects the peoples under me,

49 who brings me forth from among my enemies; thou hast lifted me up on high from among those that rose up against me; thou hast delivered me from the man of violence.

50 Therefore, I will confess thee among the Gentiles, O LORD, and I will sing unto thy name.

51 He who makes great the saving health of his king and shows mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for ever.

2 Samuel 23

1 ¶ Now these *are* the last words of David. David, the son of Jesse, said, and the man *who was* raised up high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet cantor of Israel, said,

2 (The Spirit of the LORD has spoken by me, and his word *has been* in my tongue.

3 The God of Israel dictated unto me, the strong One of Israel spoke): He that rules over men *must be* just, ruling in the fear of God.

4 And as the light of the morning when the sun rises, of a morning shining forth without clouds, *as* the shining forth through light rain *upon the* tender grass of the earth:

5 shall not my house be so with God, although all my saving health and my desire shall not be produced yet? For he has made an everlasting covenant with me, ordered in all *things*, and it shall be kept;

6 but those of Belial *shall* all be as thorns to be chased away, whom no one takes with the hand;

7 but the one *that* desires to touch them must be armed with iron and the staff of a spear, and they are completely burned with fire in their place.

8 ¶ These *are* the names of the mighty men whom David had: he that sat in the seat of wisdom, chief among the three: Adino, the Eznite, who on one occasion slew eight hundred enemies.

9 And after him *was* Eleazar, the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, *one* of the three mighty men who *were* with David, when they defied the Philistines *that* were there gathered together to battle, and those of Israel were gone away.

10 He arose and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword; and the LORD wrought a great salvation that day, and the people returned after him only to spoil.

11 And after him *was* Shammah, the son of Agee, the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a community, where was an inheritance of land full of lentils, and the people had fled before the Philistines.

12 But he stood in the midst of the inheritance and defended it and slew the Philistines, and the LORD wrought a great salvation.

13 *These* three, *who were* of the thirty chief, went down and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam, and the camp of the Philistines was pitched in the valley of Rephaim.

14 And David *was* then in the fortress, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* in Bethlehem.

15 And David longed and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which *is* by the gate!

16 Then *these* three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that *was* by the gate and took *it* and brought *it* to David; nevertheless, he would not drink of it, but poured it out unto the LORD, saying,

17 Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this; *is not this* the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? And he would not drink it. These three mighty men did this.

18 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred *and* slew *them* and had *a* name among the three.

19 He was the most honourable of the three and captain among them; however, he did not attain unto the *first* three.

20 *Then*, Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, slew two lions of Moab; he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow.

21 He also slew an Egyptian, a man of *great* stature, and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but he went down to him with a staff and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and slew him with his own spear.

22 *These things* did Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and had *a* name among the three mighty men.

23 He had more honour than the thirty, but he did not attain to the *first* three. And David put him in his council.

24 Asahel, the brother of Joab *was* one of the thirty; Elhanan, the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

25 Shammah of Harodi, Elikah of Harodi,

26 Helez of Palti, Ira, the son of Ikkesh of Tekoah,
27 Abiezer of Anethoth, Mebunnai of Hushath,
28 Zalmon of Ahoh, Maharai of Netophath,
29 Heleb, the son of Baanah of Netophath, Ittai, the son of Ribai of Gibeah
of the sons of Benjamin,
30 Benaiah, the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash,
31 Abialbon of Arbath, Azmaveth of Barhum,
32 Eliahba of Shaalbon, Jonathan of the sons of Jashen,
33 Shammah of Harar, Ahiam, the son of Sharar of Harar,
34 Eliphelet, the son of Ahasbai, the son of Maachath, Eliam, the son of
Ahithophel of Gilon,
35 Hezrai of Carmel, Paarai of Arbi,
36 Igal, the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani of Gadi,
37 Zelek of Ammon, Naharai of Beeroth, armourbearer to Joab, the son of
Zeruiah,
38 Ira of Ithri, Gareb of Ithri,
39 Uriah, the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.

2 Samuel 24

1 ¶ And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.

2 For the king said to Joab, the captain of the host, who *was* with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel from Dan unto Beersheba and number the people that I may know the number of the people.

3 And Joab replied unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people one hundredfold to however many there are and that the eyes of my lord the king may see *it*, but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?

4 Notwithstanding, the king's word prevailed against Joab and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.

5 And passing the Jordan, they pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that *lies* in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer.

6 After that they came to Gilead and to the land of Tahtimhodshi, and they came to Danjaan and about to Zidon.

7 Then they came to the fortress of Tyre and to all the cities of the Hivites and of the Canaanites, and they went out towards the Negev from Judah, *even* to Beersheba.

8 So when they had gone through all the land, they returned to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king, and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword, and the men of Judah *were* five hundred thousand men.

10 ¶ And David's heart smote him after he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in having done this; but now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy slave, for I have done very foolishly.

11 And in the morning when David had risen, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,

12 Go and say unto David, Thus hath the LORD said, I offer thee three *things*: choose one of them, which I will do unto thee.

13 So Gad came to David and told him and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? Or wilt thou flee three months before thy enemies while they pursue thee? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in thy land? Now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

14 Then David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait; let us fall now into the hand of the LORD, for his mercies *are* great, and let me not fall into the hand of man.

15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning until the time appointed, and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.

16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD himself repented of that evil and said to the angel that was destroying the people, It is enough; stay now thy hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingfloor of Araunah, the Jebusite.

17 And David spoke unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people and said, I have sinned, I committed the iniquity, but these sheep, what have they done? Let thy hand, I pray thee, be against me and against my father's house.

18 ¶ And Gad came that day to David and said unto him, Go up, erect an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah, the Jebusite.

19 And David went up, according to the word of Gad, as the LORD had commanded *him*.

20 And Araunah looked and saw the king and his slaves coming on toward him, and Araunah went out and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground.

21 And Araunah said, Why is my lord the king come to his slave? And David answered, To buy this threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

22 And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what *seems* good unto him; behold, here are oxen for burnt sacrifice and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood;

23 all these things does king Araunah give unto the king. Then Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee.

24 And the king said unto Araunah, No, but I will surely buy it of thee at a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which costs me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

The First Book of the
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1 Kings 1

1 ¶ Now king David was old *and* stricken in years, and they covered him with clothes, but he did not become warm.

2 Therefore, his slaves said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin, and let her stand before the king and let her warm him and let her lie in thy bosom, and she shall warm my lord the king.

3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the borders of Israel and found Abishag, a Shunammite and brought her to the king.

4 And the damsel *was* very fair and warmed the king and ministered to him, but the king knew her not.

5 ¶ Then Adonijah, the son of Haggith, exalted himself, saying, I will reign, and he prepared chariots and horsemen for himself and fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was very handsome; and he had begotten him after Absalom.

7 And he conferred with Joab, the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar, the priest who helped Adonijah.

8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan, the prophet, and Shimei and Rei and the mighty men of David did not follow Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which *is* by Enrogel, and called all his brethren, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's slaves;

10 but he did not invite Nathan, the prophet, nor Benaiah nor the mighty men nor Solomon his brother.

11 ¶ And Nathan spoke unto Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah, the son of Haggith, reigns without David our lord knowing of it?

12 Now, therefore, come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel that thou may deliver thine own life and the life of thy son Solomon.

13 Go and enter in unto King David and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thy handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon, thy son, shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? Why then does Adonijah reign?

14 And while thou art yet speaking there with the king, I also will come in after thee and finish thy words.

15 And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber; and the king was very old; and Abishag, the Shunammite, ministered unto the king.

16 And Bathsheba bowed and worshipped the king. And the king said, What dost thou desire?

17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou didst swear by the LORD thy God unto thy handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon, thy son, shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne;

18 and now, behold, Adonijah reigns; and now, my lord the king, thou dost not know *it*.

19 He has slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance and has called all the sons of the king and Abiathar, the priest, and Joab, the captain of the host; but he has not invited Solomon, thy slave.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* upon thee that thou should tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 Otherwise, it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers that I and my son Solomon shall be counted as sinners.

22 And while she yet spoke with the king, Nathan, the prophet, also came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan, the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 For today he has gone down and has slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance and has called all the king's sons and the captains of the host and Abiathar, the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him and say, *Long live King Adonijah.*

26 But he did not invite me, thy slave, nor Zadok, the priest, nor Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, nor thy slave Solomon.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not declared unto thy slave who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 Then King David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came into the king's presence and stood before the king.

29 And the king swore and said, As the LORD lives, who has ransomed my soul out of all distress,

30 even as I swore unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon, thy son, shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bathsheba bowed with *her* face to the earth and did reverence to the king and said, Let my lord King David live for ever.

32 ¶ And King David said, Call me Zadok, the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada. And they entered into the presence of the king.

33 And the king said unto them, Take with you the slaves of your lord and cause Solomon my son to ride upon my own mule and bring him down to Gihon.

34 And let Zadok, the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, anoint him there king over Israel; and ye shall blow the shofar and say, *Long live king Solomon.*

35 *Afterward* ye shall come up after him that he may come and sit upon my throne, for he shall reign in my stead, for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

36 Then Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, answered the king and said, Amen. Let the LORD God of my lord the king say so *too*.

37 As the LORD has been with my lord the king, even so let him be with Solomon and let him make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.

38 So Zadok, the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites went down and caused Solomon to ride upon King David's mule and brought him to Gihon.

39 And Zadok, the priest, took the horn of the oil of the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the shofar, and all the people said, *Long live king Solomon*.

40 *Afterward* all the people came up following him, and the people sang with flutes and rejoiced with great joy so *that it seemed* the earth rent with the sound of them.

41 ¶ And Adonijah and all the guests that *were* with him heard *it* when they had finished eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the shofar, he said, Why *is this* noise of the city being in an uproar?

42 And while he yet spoke, behold, Jonathan, the son of Abiathar, the priest, came; and Adonijah said unto him, Come in, for thou *art* a valiant man and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord King David has made Solomon king.

44 And the king has sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule;

45 and Zadok, the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, have anointed him king in Gihon; and they are come up from there rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This *is* the noise that ye have heard.

46 And also Solomon has been seated on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And moreover, the king's slaves came to bless our lord King David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king worshipped upon the bed.

48 And also thus said the king, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who has given *one* to sit on my throne today, mine eyes even seeing *it*.

49 And all the guests that *were* with Adonijah were afraid and rose up and went each one his way.

50 And Adonijah, fearing the presence of Solomon, arose and went and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah fears King Solomon, for he has caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let King Solomon swear unto me today that he will not slay his slave with the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he will show himself virtuous, there shall not one hair of him fall to the ground, but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

53 So King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to King Solomon. And Solomon said unto him, Go to thy house.

1 Kings 2

1 ¶ Now the days of David drew near that he should die; and he charged Solomon, his son, saying,

2 I go the way of all the earth; be thou strong therefore and show thyself a man.

3 Keep the charge of the LORD thy God, walking in his ways, keeping his statutes and his commandments and his rights and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou may have understanding in all that thou doest and in everything that thou dost undertake,

4 that the LORD may confirm the word which he spoke concerning me, saying, If thy sons take heed to their way, walking before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

5 Moreover thou knowest also what Joab, the son of Zeruiah, did to me *and* what he did to the two captains of the host of Israel, unto Abner, the son of Ner and unto Amasa, the son of Jether, whom he slew, shedding the blood of war in peace and putting the blood of war upon his girdle that *was* about his loins and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.

6 Do, therefore, according to thy wisdom and let not his hoar head go down to Sheol in peace.

7 But show mercy unto the sons of Barzillai, the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table, for they came thus unto me when I fled because of Absalom, thy brother.

8 And, behold, *thou hast* with thee Shimei, the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim. But he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.

9 Now therefore do not hold him guiltless, for thou *art* a wise man and knowest what thou should do with him, but thou shalt bring his hoar head down to Sheol with blood.

10 And David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David.

11 The days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

12 ¶ Then Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was established greatly.

13 Then Adonijah, the son of Haggith, came to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

14 He said moreover, I have a word to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.

15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine and *that* all Israel had set their faces on me that I should reign, but the kingdom is turned about and is become my brother's, for by the LORD it was his.

16 And now I ask one petition of thee, do not deny me. And she said unto him, Say on.

17 Then he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king (for he will not deny thee) that he give me Abishag, the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bathsheba said, Well, I will speak for thee unto the king.

19 Bathsheba, therefore, went unto King Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her and bowed himself unto her and sat down on his throne and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother, and she sat on his right hand.

20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; *I pray thee*, do not deny me. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother, for I will not deny thee.

21 And she said, Let Abishag, the Shunammite, be given to Adonijah, thy brother, to wife.

22 And King Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag, the Shunammite, for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also, for he *is* my elder brother and he also has Abiathar, the priest, and Joab, the son of Zeruiah.

23 Then King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, God do so to me and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life.

24 Now, therefore, *as* the LORD lives, who has confirmed me, and set me on the throne of David, my father, and who has made me a house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death today.

25 Then King Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

26 ¶ And unto Abiathar, the priest, the king said, Go to Anathoth, unto thine own inheritance, for thou *art* worthy of death; but I will not put thee to death today because thou didst bare the ark of the Lord GOD before David, my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 And the news came to Joab, for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he had not turned after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told King Solomon that Joab had fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD and that he was by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him.

30 And Benaiah entered into the tabernacle of the LORD and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, No, but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king said unto him, Do as he has said and fall upon him and bury him that thou may take away from me and from the house of my father the blood which Joab shed without a cause.

32 And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he and slew them with the sword without my father David knowing of it: Abner, the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa, the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.

33 Their blood shall, therefore, return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever; but upon David and upon his seed and upon his house and upon his throne shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.

34 So Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, went up and fell upon him and slew him, and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 ¶ And the king put Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, in his place over the host; and Zadok, the priest, the king put in the place of Abiathar.

36 *Afterward* the king sent and called for Shimei and said unto him, Build thee a house in Jerusalem and dwell there, and do not go forth from there anywhere.

37 For it shall be *that* on the day thou goest out and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die; thy blood shall be upon thine own head.

38 And Shimei said unto the king, The word *is* good as my lord the king has said, so will thy slave do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

39 But it came to pass at the end of three years that two of the slaves of Shimei ran away unto Achish, son of Maachah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy slaves *are* in Gath.

40 And Shimei arose and saddled his ass and went to Gath to Achish to seek his slaves. Shimei went, therefore, and brought his slaves from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon how Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had come again.

42 Then the king sent and called for Shimei and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD and protested unto thee, saying, Know for certain, on the day thou goest out and walkest abroad anywhere that thou shalt surely die? And thou didst say unto me, The word *that* I have heard *is* good.

43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

44 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thy heart knoweth well that thou didst to David my father; therefore, the LORD has turned thy wickedness upon thine own head;

45 and King Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever.

46 Then the king commanded Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, who went out and fell upon him that he died. And the kingdom was confirmed in the hand of Solomon.

1 Kings 3

1 ¶ And Solomon became a relative of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, for he took Pharaoh's daughter *to wife* and brought her into the city of David until he had finished building his own house, and the house of the LORD and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

2 Until then the people sacrificed in high places because there was *still* no house built unto the name of the LORD until those days.

3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David, his father; only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that *was* the great high place; a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

5 ¶ In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, Ask what *you wish that* I shall give thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shown unto thy slave David, my father, great mercy, according to the way he walked before thee in truth and in righteousness and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great mercy that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy slave king instead of David my father; and I am but a tender young man; I do not know *how* to go out or come in.

8 And thy slave *is* in the midst of thy people whom thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give, therefore, thy slave a hearing heart to judge thy people that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing and hast not asked for thyself long life neither hast asked riches for thyself nor hast asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thyself understanding to hear judgment,

12 behold, I have done according to thy words: behold, I have given thee a wise and understanding heart so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and glory so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee in all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments as thy father David walked, then I will lengthen thy days.

15 And when Solomon awoke, he beheld *it was* a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace *offerings* and made a banquet for all his slaves.

16 ¶ In that season two women, *that were* harlots, came unto the king and stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house, and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

18 And it came to pass the third day after I was delivered that this woman was delivered also and we *were* together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, except the two of us in the house.

19 And this woman's child died in the night because she lay on top of him.

20 And she arose at midnight and took my son from beside me while thy handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom and laid her dead child in my bosom.

21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead; but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I had given birth to.

22 And the other woman said, No, but my son is alive, and thy son is dead. And this one said, No, but thy son is dead, and my son is alive. Thus they spoke before the king.

23 Then said the king, The one saith, This *is* my son that is alive, and thy son *is* dead. And the other saith, No; but thy son *is* dead, and my son *is* alive.

24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two and give half to the one and half to the other.

26 Then the woman, of whom the living child *was*, spoke unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, *but divide it*.

27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it, for she *is* its mother.

28 And all Israel heard of that judgment which the king had judged, and they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to judge.

1 Kings 4

1 ¶ So king Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these *were* the princes which he had: Azariah, the son of Zadok, the priest,

3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes, Jehoshaphat, the son of Ahilud, writer of the chronicles;

4 Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, *was* over the host; and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests;

5 Azariah, the son of Nathan, *was* over the officers; and Zabud, the son of Nathan, *was* the priest *and* special companion of the king;

6 and Ahishar *was* over the household; and Adoniram, the son of Abda, *was* over the tribute.

7 And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who maintained the king and his household. Each one of them made provision for one month in the year.

8 And these *are* their names: The son of Hur, in Mount Ephraim;

9 the son of Dekar, in Makaz and in Shaalbim and in Bethshemesh and in Elon and in Bethhanan;

10 the son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him *pertained* Sochoh and all the land of Hopher.

11 The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor, who had Taphath, the daughter of Solomon, to wife;

12 Baana, the son of Ahilud; *to him pertained* Taanach and Megiddo and all Bethshean, which *is* by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Bethshean to Abelmeholah, *even unto the place that is* beyond Jokneam;

13 the son of Geber, in Ramothgilead; to him *pertained* the towns of Jair, the son of Manasseh, which *were* in Gilead; to him *also pertained* the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and brasen bars;

14 Ahinadab, the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim;

15 Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took Basmath, the daughter of Solomon, to wife.

16 Baanah, the son of Hushai, *was* in Asher and in Aloth;

17 Jehoshaphat, the son of Paruah, in Issachar;

18 Shimei, the son of Elah, in Benjamin;

19 Geber, the son of Uri, *was* in the land of Gilead, *in* the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites, and of Og, king of Bashan; and *in addition to these there was* an officer over all the land.

20 ¶ Judah and Israel *were* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines and unto the border of Egypt, and they brought presents and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour and sixty measures of meal,

23 ten fat oxen and twenty oxen out of the pastures and one hundred sheep beside harts and roebucks and fallowdeer and fatted fowl.

24 For he had dominion over all *the region* on the other side of the river *and* from Tiphseh even to Gaza, over all the kings on the other side of the river, and he had peace on all sides {Heb. with all the slaves} round about him.

25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, each one under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

26 And Solomon had forty thousand horses in his stables for his chariots and twelve thousand horsemen.

27 And these officers maintained King Solomon and all that came unto king Solomon's table, each one in his month; they made *sure* nothing was lacking.

28 They also brought barley and straw for the horses and beasts of burden unto the place where he was, each one according to his charge.

29 ¶ And God gave Solomon exceedingly great wisdom and intelligence and magnanimity of heart, even as the sand that *is* on the sea shore.

30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the sons of the east and all the wisdom of the Egyptians.

31 For he was wiser than all men, than Ethan, the Ezrahite, and Heman and Chalcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and he was named in all nations round about.

32 And he spoke three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

33 And he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that *is* in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springs out of the wall. He also spoke of animals and of fowl and of serpents and of fishes.

34 And they came from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

1 Kings 5

1 ¶ Hiram, king of Tyre, also sent his slaves unto Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him king in the place of his father; for Hiram had always loved David.

2 Then Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 Thou knowest how David, my father, could not build a house unto the name of the LORD his God, for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put *his enemies* under the soles of his feet.

4 Now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side *so that there is* neither adversary nor evil encounter.

5 And, therefore, I have determined to build a house unto the name of the LORD my God as the LORD spoke unto David, my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy place, he shall build a house unto my name.

6 Command, therefore, now that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon, and my slaves shall be with thy slaves, and I will give thee for thy slaves the hire that thou shalt appoint, for thou knowest that *there is* no one among us with the skill to hew timber like the Sidonians.

7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said, Blessed *be* the LORD this day, who has given unto David a wise son over this great people.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have heard that which thou didst send *to tell* me, *and* I will do all thy desire concerning the timber of cedar and concerning the timber of fir.

9 My slaves shall bring *them* down from Lebanon unto the sea, and I will convey them by sea in rafts unto the place that thou shalt appoint me and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive *them*; and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.

10 ¶ So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees *according to* all his desire.

11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat *for* food to his household and twenty *thousand* measures of pure oil; this gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom as he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two made a covenant together.

13 And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel, and the levy was thirty thousand men,

14 whom he sent to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses; they were a month in Lebanon *and* two months at home; and Adoniram *was* over the levy.

15 And Solomon had seventy thousand that bore burdens and eighty thousand hewers in the mountains;

16 besides Solomon's chief officers who *were* over the work, there were three thousand three hundred who ruled over the people that did the work.

17 And the king commanded that they bring great stones, costly stones, for the foundation of the house, *and* hewed stones.

18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders hewed *them*, and the stonesquarers; so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

1 Kings 6

1 ¶ And it came to pass in the year four hundred and eighty after the sons of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of the beginning of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

2 And the house which King Solomon built for the LORD, was sixty cubits long and twenty *cubits* wide and thirty cubits high.

3 And the porch before the temple of the house was twenty cubits long, according to the width of the house; and its width was ten cubits before the house.

4 And for the house he made windows broad within and narrow without.

5 And against the wall of the house, he built wings round about, *against* the walls of the house round about, *both* of the temple and of the oracle; and he made chambers round about.

6 The lower wing *was* five cubits wide, and the middle *was* six cubits wide, and the third *was* seven cubits wide, for without *in the wall* of the house, he had made narrowed rests round about, that *the beams* should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

7 And the house, when it was built, was put together of perfect stones *made ready* before they were brought there; so that there was no hammer nor axe *nor* any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was being built.

8 The door for the middle wing *was* in the right side of the house; and they went up with winding stairs into the middle *wing* and out of the middle into the third.

9 So he built the house and finished it and covered the house with work of cedar placed in order.

10 And *then* he built the wing against all the house, five cubits high; and they rested on the house *with* timber of cedar.

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

12 *Concerning* this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes and execute my rights and keep all my commandments to walk in

them, then I will perform my word with thee, which I spoke unto David thy father;

13 and I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house and finished it.

15 ¶ And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house and the walls of the ceiling; *and* he covered *them* on the inside with wood and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

16 And he built twenty cubits on the end of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar; and he built an oracle in the house, which is the holy of holies.

17 And the house, that *is*, the temple before it, was forty cubits *long*.

18 And the cedar of the house within *was* carved with wild gourds and open flowers. All *was* cedar; no stone was seen.

19 And he prepared the oracle in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And the oracle in the forepart *was* twenty cubits in length and twenty cubits wide and twenty cubits high, and he overlaid it with pure gold and likewise covered the altar *which was of* cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold, and he closed the door of the oracle with chains of gold, and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house; also the whole altar that *was* in front of the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 And within the oracle he made two cherubim *of* olive wood, *each* ten cubits high.

24 And one wing of the cherub *was* five cubits, and the other wing of the cherub five cubits; from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other *were* ten cubits.

25 Likewise, the other cherub *was* ten cubits, for both the cherubim *were* of one measure and one size.

26 The height of one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was* the other cherub.

27 And he set the cherubim within the inner house, and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubim, so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall,

and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

28 And he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

31 And at the entrance of the oracle he made doors *of* olive wood; the lintel *and* side posts had five sides.

32 The two doors *were of* olive wood, and he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers and overlaid *them* with gold and covered the cherubim and the palm trees with gold.

33 In the same manner he made posts *of* olive wood at the entrance of the temple with four sides.

34 The two doors *were of* fir; the two sides of the one door *were* rounded, and the two leaves of the other door *were* rounded.

35 And he carved *thereon* cherubim and palm trees and open flowers and covered *them* with gold fitted upon the carved work.

36 And he built the inner court with three orders of hewed stone and an order of cedar beams.

37 In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month Zif.

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which *is* the eighth month, the house was finished throughout all its parts and with everything necessary. So he was seven years in building it.

1 Kings 7

1 ¶ But Solomon built his own house in thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

2 He also built the house of the forest of Lebanon, which was one hundred cubits long and fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

3 And *it was* covered with cedar above upon the beams that *lay* on forty-five pillars, fifteen *in* a row.

4 And *there were* windows *in* three orders, one against another in three orders.

5 And all the doors and posts *were* square, with some windows opposite the other windows in three orders.

6 And he made a porch of pillars, which was fifty cubits long and thirty cubits wide, and the porch *was* before those others, with its corresponding pillars and thick beams.

7 Then he made a porch for the throne where he was to judge, *even* the porch of judgment; and *it was* covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.

8 And his house where he dwelt *had* another court within the porch, *which* was of like work. Solomon also made a house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken *to wife*, like unto this porch.

9 All these *works were of* costly stones, cut and sawed with saws according to the measurements, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside unto the great court.

10 And the foundation *was of* costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.

11 And above *were also* costly stones, hewed according to their measurements, and work of cedar.

12 And the great court round about had three orders of hewed stones and an order of cedar beams, and *likewise* the inner court of the house of the LORD and the porch of the house.

13 ¶ And King Solomon sent and brought Hiram out of Tyre,

14 who was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father had been of Tyre. A worker in brass, full of wisdom and intelligence and knowledge in all work of brass. And he came to King Solomon and did all his work.

15 He made two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece, and a line of twelve cubits did compass each of them about.

16 And he made two chapiters *of* molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars; the height of the one chapter *was* five cubits, and the height of the other chapter *was* five cubits.

17 *And* nets of checker work and wreaths of chain work for the chapiters which *were to be placed* upon the top of the pillars, seven for the one chapter and seven for the other chapter.

18 And when he had made the pillars, he also made two orders *of pomegranates* round about upon the network to cover the chapiters that *were* upon the heads *of the pillars* with the pomegranates, and so did he for the other chapter.

19 And the chapiters that *were* upon the top of the pillars were in the form of lilies *like those seen* in the porch, for four cubits.

20 And the chapiters upon the two pillars had two hundred pomegranates in two orders round about in each chapter, on top of the belly of the chapter, this belly being in front of the network.

21 And he stood up the pillars in the porch of the temple. And when he had set up the right pillar, he called the name of it Jachin; {Heb. The LORD establishes} and in standing up the left pillar, he called its name Boaz. {Heb. Only in Him is there strength}

22 And upon the top of the pillars *was* lily work, and so the work of the pillars was finished.

23 Likewise, he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other; *it was* perfectly round, and its height *was* five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

24 And under the brim of it round about *there were* knops like gourds compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about in two orders, which were made when it was cast.

25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north and three looking toward the west and three looking toward the Negev and three

looking toward the east; and upon them the sea rested, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

26 And it *was* a hand breadth thick, and its lip was made like the lip of a cup, with flowers of lilies; it contained two thousand baths.

27 He also made ten bases of brass; four cubits *was* the length of each base and four cubits the width and three cubits the height.

28 And the work of the bases was like this: they had borders, and the borders *were* between mouldings;

29 and upon the borders that *were* between the mouldings *were* lions, oxen, and cherubim; and upon the mouldings of the base, above and beneath the lions and oxen *were* certain additions made of bevelled work.

30 And each base had four brasen wheels and cardinals {hinged axles} of brass, and in its four corners it had shoulderpieces, which were molten at the side of each addition, to be under the laver.

31 Its mouth entered into the chapter (*in the joint that came out of the base*) one cubit above, and its mouth was rounded like the workmanship (*of the same joint*) in the base, of a cubit and a half. There were also engravings upon the mouth of it with their borders, which were square, not round.

32 And under the borders *were* the four wheels, and the axletrees of the wheels *came forth* from the same base. The height of each wheel *was* one and a half cubits.

33 And the workmanship of the wheels *was* like the workmanship of a chariot wheel, their axletrees and their rims and their spokes and their hubs *were* all molten.

34 Likewise, the four shoulderpieces to the four corners of each base, *and* the shoulderpieces *were* of the very base itself.

35 And in the top of the base *there was* a rounded compass of half a cubit high and on the top of the base, its mouldings and borders *which were* part of it.

36 For on the tables of the mouldings and on the borders thereof, he made cherubim, lions, and palm trees, in front of the additions of each one round about.

37 After this *manner* he made ten bases cast in the same manner, of the same size and of the same shape.

38 Then he also made ten lavers of brass; each laver contained forty baths, *and* each laver measured four cubits; *and he set* a laver upon each one of the ten bases.

39 And he put five bases on the right side of the house and five on the left side of the house, and he set the sea on the right side of the house to the east towards the Negev.

40 Hiram made the lavers and the shovels and the basins likewise. So Hiram finished all the work that he made King Solomon for the house of the LORD:

41 *That is*, the two pillars and the *two* bowls of the chapiters that *were* on the top of the two pillars and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which *were* upon the head of the pillars,

42 and four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, *even* two orders of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that *were* upon the heads of the pillars,

43 and the ten bases and ten lavers upon the bases,

44 and one sea and twelve oxen under the sea,

45 and the pots and the shovels and the basins and all the *other* vessels, which Hiram made to King Solomon for the house of the LORD of bright brass.

46 And the king caused them all to be cast in the plain of the Jordan, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.

47 And Solomon did not inquire the weight of the brass of all the vessels because they were exceeding many.

48 ¶ And Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* unto the house of the LORD: an altar of gold, and a table upon which the showbread *was*, also of gold,

49 and the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right hand, and five on the left, in front of the oracle, with the flowers and the lamps and the tongs *of* gold,

50 likewise the bowls and the snuffers and the basins and the spoons and the censers *of* pure gold, also the hinges of gold, *both* for the doors of the inner house, the holy of holies, *and* for the doors of the house of the temple.

51 So all the work that King Solomon made for the house of the LORD was complete. And Solomon brought in the things which David, his father, had dedicated, *even* the silver and the gold and the vessels, and he kept it *all* in the treasury of the house of the LORD.

1 Kings 8

1 ¶ Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the families of the sons of Israel, unto King Solomon in Jerusalem that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto King Solomon in the month Ethanim, which *is* the seventh month, on the solemn day.

3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD and the tabernacle of the testimony and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, which the priests and the Levites carried.

5 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude.

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, in the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubim.

7 For the cherubim had their wings extended over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its staves from above.

8 And they drew out the staves so that the ends of the staves could be seen out in the holy *place* in front of the oracle, but they could not be seen from outside, and thus they remained until today.

9 *There was* nothing in the ark except the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD cut a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And when the priests came out of the holy *place*, the cloud filled the house of the LORD.

11 And the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

12 ¶ Then Solomon said, The LORD has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

13 I have surely built thee a house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

14 And the king turned his face about and blessed all the congregation of Israel, and all the congregation of Israel were standing.

15 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth unto David my father, and with his hand has fulfilled *it*, saying,

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I have chosen no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there, but I chose David to be over my people Israel.

17 And it was in the heart of David, my father, to build a house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 But the LORD said unto David, my father, Whereas it was in thy heart to build a house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thy heart;

19 nevertheless, thou shalt not build the house, but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build *a* house unto my name.

20 And the LORD has established his word that he spoke, and I have risen up in the place of David, my father, and sit on the throne of Israel as the LORD had said and have built a house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, in which *is* the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and extending his hands toward heaven,

23 he said, LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee, in the heavens above or on earth beneath, who keeps the covenant and mercy with thy slaves that walk before thee with all their heart,

24 who hast kept unto thy slave David, my father, what thou didst declare unto him; thou didst say it with thy mouth and hast fulfilled *it* with thy hand, as *we see* this day.

25 Therefore, now, LORD God of Israel, fulfil unto thy slave David, my father, what thou didst promise him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if thy sons keep their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me.

26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be made firm, which thou didst speak unto thy slave David, my father.

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heavens, the heavens of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have built?

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy slave and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy slave prays before thee today,

29 that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there that thou may hearken unto the prayer which thy slave shall make in this place.

30 Therefore, thou shalt hearken unto the supplication of thy slave and of thy people Israel when they shall pray in this place and hear in thy dwelling place, from the heavens; please hear and forgive.

31 When anyone shall have sinned against his neighbour, and an oath is laid upon him to cause him to swear and the oath comes before thy altar in this house,

32 thou shalt hear from heaven and do and judge thy slaves, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head, and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 When thy people Israel are smitten down before the enemy because they have sinned against thee and shall turn again to thee and confess thy name and pray and make supplication with humility unto thee in this house,

34 then thou shalt hear in the heavens and forgive the sin of thy people Israel and bring them again unto the land which thou didst give unto their fathers.

35 When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against thee, if they pray in this place and confess thy name and turn from their sin when thou hast afflicted them,

36 then thou shalt hear in the heavens and forgive the sin of thy slaves and of thy people Israel, teaching them the good way in which they should walk and shalt give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 When there is famine in the land or pestilence or blasting or mildew or locusts or caterpillars, if their enemy besieges them in the land of their

gates, whatever plague, whatever sickness *there is*,

38 every prayer and every supplication made by any man or by all thy people Israel, when anyone knows the plague of his own heart and spreads forth his hands toward this house,

39 then thou shalt hear in the heavens, in the habitation of thy dwelling place, and forgive and do and give to each one according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest (for thou, *even* thou only, knowest the hearts of all the sons of men),

40 that they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou didst give unto our fathers.

41 Likewise concerning a stranger, that *is* not of thy people Israel, but comes out of a far country for thy name's sake

42 (for they shall have heard of thy great name and of thy strong hand and of thy stretched out arm), when he shall come to pray in this house,

43 thou shalt hear in the heavens, in the habitation of thy dwelling place, and do according to all that for which the stranger shall have called unto thee, that all peoples of the earth may know thy name and fear thee as *do* thy people Israel and that they may know that thy name is invoked upon this house, which I have built.

44 If thy people go out to battle against their enemies by the way which thou shalt send them and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen and *toward* the house that I have built for thy name,

45 thou shalt hear in the heavens their prayer and their supplication and do their judgment.

46 If they have sinned against thee (for *there is* no man that does not sin) and thou should be angry with them and deliver them to the enemy so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near,

47 and they return unto their heart in the land where they were carried captives and return and make supplication unto thee in the land of those that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned and have done iniquity, we have committed wickedness;

48 and so convert themselves unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who led them away captive and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou didst give unto their fathers, *toward* the city which thou hast chosen and the house which I have built for thy name,

49 thou shalt hear in the heavens, in the habitation of thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplication and do what is right unto them

50 and forgive thy people that have sinned against thee and all their rebellions by which they have rebelled against thee and cause those who carried them captive to have mercy on them,

51 for they *are* thy people and thy inheritance, which thou didst bring forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace.

52 Let thine eyes be open unto the supplication of thy slave and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

53 For thou didst separate them from among all the peoples of the earth, *to be* thy inheritance, as thou didst speak by the hand of Moses, thy slave, when thou didst bring our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

54 ¶ And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands extended toward heaven.

55 And he stood and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 Blessed *be* the LORD that has given rest unto his people Israel according to all that he had said; not one word has failed of all his good word, which he spoke by the hand of Moses, his slave.

57 The LORD our God be with us as he was with our fathers; let him not leave us nor forsake us

58 that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his rights, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let these my words, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near unto the LORD our God day and night that he maintain the judgment of his slave and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require;

60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD *is* God, *and that there is no other*.

61 Let your heart, therefore, be perfect with the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.

62 ¶ Then the king and all Israel with him, offered sacrifices before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered sacrifices of peace, which he offered unto the LORD, *which were* twenty-two thousand oxen and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 That same day the king sanctified the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD, for there he offered the burnt offerings and the presents and the fat of the peace *offerings* because the brasen altar that *was* before the LORD *was* too small to receive the burnt offerings and the presents and the fat of the peace *offerings*.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, for seven days and another seven days, *even* fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they, blessing the king, went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done unto David, his slave, and unto Israel his people.

1 Kings 9

1 ¶ And when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD and the king's house and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,
2 the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication that thou hast made in my presence. I have sanctified this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever, and my eyes and my heart shall be there all the days.

4 And if thou wilt walk before me as David, thy father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, keeping my statutes and my rights,

5 then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever as I spoke unto David, thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

6 *But* if ye shall obstinately turn from following me, ye or your sons, and will not keep my commandments *and* my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them,

7 I will cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them, and this house, which I have sanctified unto my name, I will cast out of my sight, and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all peoples;

8 and at this house, *which* was high, any one that passes by it shall be astonished and shall hiss, and they shall say, Why has the LORD done thus unto this land and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt and have taken hold upon other gods and have worshipped them and served them; for this the LORD has brought upon them all this evil.

10 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years in which Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house

11 (for which Hiram, the king of Tyre, had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees and with gold, according to all his desire), that then King Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, and they did not please him.

13 And he said, What cities *are* these which thou hast given me, my brother? And they called them the land of Cabul unto this day.

14 And Hiram had sent the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

15 ¶ And this *is* the account of the levy which King Solomon raised to build the house of the LORD and his own house and Millo and the wall of Jerusalem and Hazor and Megiddo and Gezer.

16 *For* Pharaoh, king of Egypt, had gone up and taken Gezer and burnt it with fire and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city and given it *for* a gift unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer and Bethhoron, the lower,

18 and Baalath and Tadmor in the land of the wilderness,

19 likewise all the cities of store that Solomon had and cities for his chariots and cities for his horsemen and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem and in Lebanon and in all the land of his dominion.

20 *And* all the peoples *that were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which *were* not of the sons of Israel,

21 their children that were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel were not able utterly to destroy, upon those Solomon levied a tribute of bondservice unto this day.

22 But of the sons of Israel, Solomon did not impose service, but they *were* men of war, or his slaves or his princes or his captains or rulers of his chariots or his horsemen.

23 And those that Solomon had made princes and officers over Solomon's work *were* five hundred and fifty, who bore rule over the people that wrought in the work.

24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which *Solomon* had built for her; then he built Millo.

25 And three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace *offerings* upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that *was* before the LORD, after the house was finished.

26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Eziongeber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom.

27 And Hiram sent in the navy his slaves, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the slaves of Solomon.

28 And they went to Ophir and brought gold from there, four hundred and twenty talents and brought *it* to king Solomon.

1 Kings 10

1 ¶ And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with enigmas.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bore spices and very much gold and precious stones; and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her questions; there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he did not tell her.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom and the house that he had built,

5 likewise the food of his table and the sitting of his slaves and the attendance of his ministers and their apparel, and his butlers and his burnt offering which he sacrificed in the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in my own land of thy words and of thy wisdom.

7 But I did not believe it until I came, and my eyes have seen that not even the half was told me. Thy wisdom and good exceeds the fame which I heard.

8 Blessed *are* thy men, blessed *are* these thy slaves, who stand continually before thee *and* that hear thy wisdom.

9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel; because the LORD has always loved Israel, therefore he made thee king, to do justice and righteousness.

10 And she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold and a very great store of spices and precious stones; never *again* did there come such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

11 And the navy of Hiram, that had brought the gold from Ophir, also brought in from Ophir a great plenty of brazil wood and precious stones.

12 And the king made of the brazil wood banisters for the house of the LORD and for the king's houses, harps also and psalteries for the singers;

there never had been such brazil wood, nor was it seen *again* unto this day.

13 And King Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, beside *that* which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her slaves.

14 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,

15 besides *what he had* from the merchantmen and from the trade of the spice merchants and from all the kings of Arabia and from the princes of the land.

16 And King Solomon made two hundred shields *of* beaten gold; six hundred *shekels* of gold went into each shield.

17 Likewise *he made* three hundred shields *of* beaten gold; three pounds of gold went into each shield; and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 The king also made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with the purest gold.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *was* round behind, and *there were* stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps; there was not the like made in any other kingdom.

21 And all King Solomon's drinking vessels *were of* gold, and likewise all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; *there was* no silver, for in the days of Solomon it was not esteemed.

22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish with the navy of Hiram; once every three years the navy of Tarshish came, bringing gold, silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 So King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

24 And all the earth sought to see the face of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they each one brought his presents each year, vessels of gold and vessels of silver and garments and arms and spices, horses, and mules.

26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen, and he had a thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he put in the cities of the chariots and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 And the king made silver *to be* in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars *to be* as the sycamore trees that *are* in the vale, for abundance.

28 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt and linen yarn, for the king's merchants bought the horses and yarn.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for one hundred and fifty, and so by their hand they supplied all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

1 Kings 11

1 ¶ But King Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, *and* Hittites,

2 of the Gentiles *concerning* which the LORD had said unto the sons of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you, *for* surely they will turn away your heart after their gods. Solomon clave unto these in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to pass when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David, his father.

5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom, the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father.

7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the mount that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.

8 And he did likewise for all his strange wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 ¶ And the LORD became angry with Solomon because his heart was turned aside from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared unto him twice,

10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep that which the LORD had commanded him.

11 Therefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Because this has been in thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee and will give it to thy slave.

12 But I will not do it in thy days for David, thy father's sake, *but* I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

13 However, I will not rend away all the kingdom, *but* will give one tribe to thy son for David, my slave's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

14 ¶ And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad, the Edomite; he *was* of the king's seed in Edom.

15 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab, the captain of the host, had gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom

16 (for Joab dwelt there six months with all Israel until he had cut off every male in Edom),

17 that Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's slaves with him, to go into Egypt, Hadad *being* yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Midian and came to Paran; and taking men with them out of Paran, they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who gave him a house and appointed him food and gave him land.

19 And Hadad found great grace in the sight of Pharaoh so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Queen Tahpenes.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath, his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers and that Joab, the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart that I may go to my own land.

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me that, behold, thou seekest to go to thy own land? And he answered, Nothing; however, let me go anyway.

23 And God stirred him up *another* adversary, Rezon, the son of Eliadah, who fled from his lord Hadadezer, king of Zobah.

24 And he gathered men unto him and became captain over a band, when David slew those *of Zobah*; and they went to Damascus and dwelt there, and they made him king in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the evil that Hadad *did*, and he abhorred Israel and reigned over Syria.

26 ¶ Likewise Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's slave, whose mother's name *was* Zeruah, a widow woman, lifted up his hand against the king.

27 And this *was* why he lifted up *his* hand against the king: Solomon in building Millo, closed the breach of the city of David, his father.

28 And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valour, and Solomon, seeing that the young man was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

29 And it came to pass at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah, the Shilonite, found him in the way; and he *was* covered with a new garment; and the two *were* alone in the field.

30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that *was* on him and rent it *in* twelve pieces;

31 and he said to Jeroboam, Take ten pieces for thyself, for thus hath said the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to thee;

32 and he shall have one tribe for my slave David's sake and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel

33 because they have forsaken me and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh, the god of the Moabites, and Milcom, the god of the sons of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do *that which is* right in my eyes and *to keep* my statutes and my rights, as *did* David his father.

34 But I will not take any of his kingdom out of his hand, for I will make him prince all the days of his life for David, my slave's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:

35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes.

36 And unto his son I will give one tribe, that David my slave may have a lamp always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name in her.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desires and shalt be king over Israel.

38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee and wilt walk in my ways and do *that which is* right in my sight, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David, my slave, did, that I will be with thee and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

39 And I will afflict the seed of David because of this, but not for ever.

40 Solomon sought, therefore, to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose and fled into Egypt unto Shishak, king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Solomon and all that he did and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

42 And the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David, his father; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

1 Kings 12

1 ¶ And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard *of it* (for he had fled from the presence of King Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt),

3 that they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came and spoke unto Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous; now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Depart, and in three days come again to me. And the people departed.

6 Then King Rehoboam consulted with the old men that had stood before Solomon, his father, while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?

7 And they spoke unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a slave unto this people this day and wilt serve them and answer them by speaking good words unto them, then they will be thy slaves for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him *and* who stood before him.

9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father put upon us lighter?

10 And the young men that were grown up with him spoke unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spoke unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them: My little *finger* is thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now whereas my father ladened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father has chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king answered the people roughly and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him

14 and spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke; my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 Therefore, the king did not hearken unto the people, for the cause was from the LORD, to confirm his word, which the LORD spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

16 ¶ So when all Israel saw that the king did not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? There is no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17 But Rehoboam reigned over the sons of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah.

18 Then King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute, but all Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. Then King Rehoboam made speed to get into his chariot and flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation and made him king over all Israel; there were none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21 And when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, one hundred and eighty thousand chosen *men* of war, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon.

22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah, the man of God, saying,

23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24 Thus hath the LORD said, Ye shall not go up nor fight against your brethren, the sons of Israel; return each one to his house, for this thing is

from me. They hearkened, therefore, to the word of the LORD and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25 ¶ And Jeroboam rebuilt Shechem in Mount Ephraim and dwelt therein, and going out from there, rebuilt Penuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David

27 if this people go up to sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem; for the heart of this people shall turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam, king of Judah, and they shall kill me and go again to Rehoboam, king of Judah.

28 And having *taken* counsel, the king made two calves of gold and said unto *the people*, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the one in Bethel and the other he put in Dan.

30 And this became an *occasion for sin*, for the people went *to worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan.

31 And he made a house of high places and made priests of the lowest of the people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

32 *Then* Jeroboam ordained a solemnity in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the solemnity that *was celebrated* in Judah; and he sacrificed upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made. He also ordered in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he sacrificed upon the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, the month which he had devised of his own heart, and made a feast unto the sons of Israel; and he climbed up on the altar to burn incense.

1 Kings 13

1 ¶ And, behold, a man of God came out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel; and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar by the word of the LORD and said, O altar, altar, thus hath the LORD said: Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This *is* the sign which the LORD has spoken: Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the *ashes with the burnt* fat that *are* upon it shall be poured out.

4 And when King Jeroboam heard the word of the man of God, who had cried out against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the *ashes with the burnt* fat were poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 Then the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again and became as *it was* before.

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a gift.

8 But the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thy house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place,

9 for so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread nor drink water nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way and did not return by the way that he came to Bethel.

11 ¶ Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel, and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel; they also

told their father the words which he had spoken unto the king.

12 And their father said unto them, What way did he go? And his sons showed him the way the man of God had gone, who had come from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass, and he rode thereon

14 and went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak; and he said unto him, *Art* thou the man of God that didst come from Judah? And he said, *I am*.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me and eat bread.

16 And he said, I may not return with thee nor go in with thee; neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place,

17 for it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

18 And the *other* said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou *art*, and an angel spoke unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thy house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him.

19 So he went back with him and ate bread in his house and drank water.

20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back,

21 and he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus hath the LORD said, Forasmuch as thou hast rebelled against the mouth of the LORD and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 but didst come back and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of which *the LORD* did say to thee, Eat no bread and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

23 ¶ And when he had eaten of the bread and after he had drunk, the prophet that had brought him back saddled an ass for him,

24 and as he went, a lion met him by the way and slew him, and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, and the lion also stood by the carcase.

25 And, behold, men passed by and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase; and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that had brought him back from the way heard of it, he said, It *is* the man of God, who rebelled against the word of the LORD; therefore, the LORD has delivered him unto the lion, who has torn him and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke unto him.

27 And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle me an ass. And they saddled it for him.

28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase; the lion had not eaten the carcase nor torn the ass.

29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God and laid it upon the ass and brought it back. And the old prophet came to the city to mourn and to bury him.

30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave, and they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother!

31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre in which the man of God *is* buried; lay my bones beside his bones.

32 For that which he proclaimed by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel and against all the houses of the high places, which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

33 After this thing Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places; whoever would, he consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places.

34 And this became the cause of sin unto the house of Jeroboam for which it was cut off and destroyed from off the face of the earth.

1 Kings 14

1 ¶ At that time Abijah, the son of Jeroboam, fell sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou not be known to be the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh, for Ahijah the prophet *is* there, who told me that *I should be* king over this people.

3 And take with thee ten loaves and cracknels and a cruse of honey and go to him, that he shall tell thee what shall become of this child.

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so and arose and went to Shiloh and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were set by reason of his age.

5 But the LORD had said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam shall come to consult thee regarding her son, who *is* sick; thus and thus shalt thou say unto her, for it shall be, when she comes, that she shall come in disguise.

6 And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, wife of Jeroboam; why art thou in disguise? For I *am* sent to thee *with* heavy tidings.

7 ¶ Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus hath the LORD God of Israel said, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people and made thee prince over my people Israel,

8 and rent the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it thee, and yet thou hast not been as my slave David, who kept my commandments and who followed me with all his heart, to doing only that *which was* right in my eyes,

9 but hast done evil above all that were before thee, for thou hast gone and made thee other gods and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back;

10 therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam and will cut off from Jeroboam *everyone* that pisses against the wall, the one that is shut up along with the one that is left in Israel, and will burn away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man burns away dung until it is all gone.

11 The one that dies of *those of* Jeroboam in the city, the dogs shall eat, and the one that dies in the field, the fowls of the air shall eat; for the LORD has spoken *it*.

12 Arise thou, therefore, go to thy own house, *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

13 And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he only of those of Jeroboam shall enter into *the* grave because in him there is found *some* good thing of the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

14 And the LORD shall raise up a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam in this day, but what *if* even now?

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he had given to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who has made Israel sin.

17 Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed and came to Tirzah; *and* as she entered by the threshold of the house, the child died.

18 And they buried him, and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he had spoken by the hand of his slave Ahijah, the prophet.

19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned *were* twenty-two years, and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab, his son, reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ And Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, reigned in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD chose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah, an Ammonitess.

22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to anger more than all that their fathers had done in their sins which they committed.

23 For they also built themselves high places and statues, and groves on every high hill and under every green tree.

24 And there were also male *cult* prostitutes in the land, *and* they did according to all the abominations of the Gentiles which the LORD had cast out before the sons of Israel.

25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house; he took it all away, and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

27 And King Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields and committed *them* unto the hands of the chief of the guard, who kept the door of the king's house.

28 And when the king went into the house of the LORD, the guard bore them and brought them back *afterward* into the guard chamber.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name *was* Naamah, an Ammonitess. And Abijam, his son, reigned in his stead.

1 Kings 15

1 ¶ Now in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, Abijam began to reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

4 Nevertheless for David's sake, the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him and to establish Jerusalem.

5 Because David had done *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD and had not turned aside from any *thing* that he had commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah, the Hittite.

6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 And Abijam slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and Asa, his son, reigned in his stead.

9 ¶ In the twentieth year of Jeroboam, king of Israel, Asa began to reign over Judah.

10 And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David his father.

12 For he took away the male *cult* prostitutes out of the land and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

13 And he also removed Maachah, his mother, from *being* queen because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron.

14 But the high places were not removed; nevertheless, Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated and the things which he himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver and gold and vessels.

16 And there was war between Asa and Baasha, king of Israel, all their days.

17 And Baasha, king of Israel, went up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might not allow any to go out or come in to Asa, king of Judah.

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house and delivered them into the hand of his slaves, and King Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 *There is* a covenant between me and thee *and* between my father and thy father; behold, I have sent unto thee a bribe of silver and gold; come and break thy covenant with Baasha, king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

20 So Benhadad hearkened unto King Asa and sent the princes of the hosts, which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon and Dan and Abelbethmaachah and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And when Baasha heard this, he left off building of Ramah and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then King Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; no one *was* exempted; and they took away the stones and timber of Ramah, with which Baasha had been building; and King Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa and all his might and all that he did and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless, in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, his father; and Jehoshaphat, his son, reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ And Nadab, the son of Jeroboam, began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa, king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father and in his sins with which he made Israel sin.

27 And Baasha, the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines, for Nadab and all Israel had laid siege to Gibbethon.

28 Even in the third year of Asa, king of Judah, did Baasha slay him and reigned in his stead.

29 And when he came into the kingdom, he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not a *living* soul of *those* of Jeroboam, until he had destroyed him, according unto the word of the LORD, which he spoke by his slave Ahijah, the Shilonite,

30 because of the sins of Jeroboam with which he sinned and with which he made Israel sin and because of his provocation with which he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha, king of Israel, all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa, king of Judah, Baasha, the son of Ahijah, began to reign over all Israel in Tirzah; *and he reigned* twenty-four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin.

1 Kings 16

1 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu, the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying,

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust and made thee prince over my people Israel, and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam and hast made my people Israel sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

3 behold, I will burn up the posterity of Baasha and the posterity of his house and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

4 He that dies of Baasha in the city, the dogs shall eat; and he that dies of his in the fields, the fowls of the air shall eat.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha and what he did and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

6 So Baasha slept with his fathers and was buried in Tirzah, and Elah, his son, reigned in his stead.

7 And likewise by the hand of the prophet Jehu, the son of Hanani, had come *the* word of the LORD upon Baasha and upon his house and upon all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, so that he would be made like the house of Jeroboam and because of having smitten him.

8 In the year twenty-six of Asa, king of Judah, Elah, the son of Baasha, began to reign over Israel in Tirzah, *and he reigned* two years.

9 And his slave Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, steward of *his* house in Tirzah.

10 And Zimri went in and smote him and killed him, in the year twenty-seven of Asa, king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he smote all the house of Baasha; he left him not one that pisses against a wall, neither of his kinsfolk, {Heb. redeemers} nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke against Baasha by Jehu, the prophet,

13 for all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah, his son, by which they sinned and by which they made Israel sin, provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 ¶ In the year twenty-seven of Asa, king of Judah, Zimri began to reign in Tirzah, *and he reigned* seven days. And the people *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines.

16 And the people *that were* in the camp heard it said, Zimri has conspired and has killed the king. Therefore, all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died,

19 for his sins which he committed in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin which he did, making Israel sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri and his treason that he wrought, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

21 Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni, the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni, the son of Ginath; so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 In the year thirty-one of Asa, king of Judah, Omri began to reign over Israel, and he reigned twelve years; he reigned six years in Tirzah.

24 And he bought the mountain of Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver and built on the mount and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, lord of the hill, Samaria.

25 And Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD and did worse than all that *were* before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and in his sin with which he made Israel sin, provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did and his might that he showed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab, his son, reigned in his stead.

29 ¶ And in the year thirty-eight of Asa, king of Judah, Ahab, the son of Omri, began to reign over Israel. And Ahab the son of Omri, reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

30 And Ahab, the son of Omri, did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that *were* before him,

31 for it was as a light thing unto him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and he took to wife Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal and worshipped him.

32 And he raised up an altar to Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 Ahab also made groves, and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

34 In his time Hiel, the Bethelite, rebuilt Jericho. He laid the foundation thereof in Abiram, his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest *son* Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he had spoken by Joshua the son of Nun.

1 Kings 17

1 ¶ Then Elijah, the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

3 Leave this place and turn to the east and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before the Jordan,

4 and thou shalt drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD; for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before the Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning and bread and flesh in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

7 And it came to pass after a while that the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land.

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, go to Zarephath of Zidon, and thou shalt dwell there; behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks; and he called to her and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her again and said, Bring me also, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thy hand.

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God lives, I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a pitcher and a little oil in a cruse; and now I *was* gathering two sticks that I may go in and prepare it for me and my son, that we may eat it and die.

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; *go and* do as thou hast said; but first make me a little cake of bread baked under the ashes and bring *it* unto me, and afterwards thou shalt make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus hath said the LORD God of Israel, The pitcher of meal shall not be consumed, neither shall the cruse of oil fail until that day when the LORD shall send rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did as Elijah told her; and he and she and her house ate *for many days*.

16 *And* the pitcher of meal was not consumed, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD which he spoke by Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to pass after these things *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? Art thou come unto me to call my iniquity to remembrance and to cause my son to die?

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom and carried him up into the chamber where he abode and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD and said, O LORD my God, hast thou even brought evil upon the widow, with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried unto the LORD and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down out of the chamber into the house and delivered him unto his mother, and Elijah said, See, thy son lives.

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God *and* that the word of the LORD *is* true in thy mouth.

1 Kings 18

1 ¶ And it came to pass *after* many days that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah went to show himself unto Ahab. And *there was* a severe famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah, who *was* the governor of *his* house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly,

4 for when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, Obadiah took one hundred prophets and hid them in groups of fifty in caves and sustained them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go through the land to all the fountains of water and to all the brooks; peradventure we may find herbage to save the horses and mules alive that we not lose all the beasts.

6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it; Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 And as Obadiah was in the way, Elijah met him; and when he recognized him, he fell on his face, and said, *Art* thou not my lord Elijah?

8 And he answered him, I *am*; go, tell thy lord, *Behold* Elijah. {Heb. The LORD is God}

9 And he said, In what have I sinned that thou should deliver thy slave into the hand of Ahab, for *him* to slay me?

10 As the LORD thy God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek thee; and when they *all* said, *He is not here*; he has caused kingdoms and nations to swear an oath if they have found thee *or* not.

11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold Elijah.

12 And it shall come to pass *as soon as* I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee where I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me; but I, thy slave, fear the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid one hundred men of the LORD's prophets in groups of fifty in caves and sustained them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, *Behold* Elijah; and he shall slay me.

15 And Elijah said unto him, As the LORD of the hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him today.

16 Then Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab came to meet Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to pass when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, *Art* thou he that troubles Israel?

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore send *and* gather to me all Israel unto Mount Carmel, and the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of the groves, who eat at Jezebel's table.

20 Then Ahab sent unto all the sons of Israel and gathered the prophets together unto Mount Carmel.

21 ¶ And Elijah came near unto all the people and said, How long shall ye halt between two opinions? If the LORD *is* God, follow him; but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people did not answer him a word.

22 Then Elijah spoke again unto the people, I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men.

23 Give us, therefore, two bullocks, and let them choose one bullock for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay *it* on wood and put no fire *under it*; and I will dress the other bullock and lay *it* on wood and put no fire *under it*.

24 And invoke ye in the name of your gods, and I will invoke in the name of the LORD; and it shall be that the God that answers by fire is God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

25 So Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves and dress *it* first, for ye *are* many, and invoke in the name of your gods, but put no fire *under it*.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it* and invoked in the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, answer us. But *there was* no voice nor anyone that answered. And they jumped up and down near the altar which they had made.

27 And it came to pass at noon that Elijah mocked them and said, Cry aloud, for he *is* a god; peradventure he is talking or he had to go to the latrine, or he is on a journey, *or* he sleeps and will awake.

28 And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets until the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And when midday was past, *even* so they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, and *there was* neither voice nor anyone that answered nor anyone that heard.

30 Then Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name;

32 and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; then he made a trench round about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order and cut the bullock in pieces and laid *it* on the wood and said, Fill four pitchers with water and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do *it* the second time, and they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time, and they did *it* the third time.

35 So that the water ran round about the altar, and he had filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, LORD God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Israel and *that I am* thy slave and *that* I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God and *that* thou shalt convert their heart back again *to thee*.

38 Then fire of the LORD fell, which consumed the burnt sacrifice and the wood and the stones and the dust and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

39 And seeing it, all the people fell on their faces, and they said, The LORD, he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* the God.

40 And Elijah said unto them, Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they seized them; and Elijah took them down to the brook Kishon and slew them there.

41 ¶ Then Elijah said to Ahab, Go up, eat and drink; for *there is* a sound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel, and he cast himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees

43 and said to his slave, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up and looked and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And the seventh time he said, Behold, a little cloud like the palm of a man's *hand* arises out of the sea. And he said, Go and say to Ahab, Prepare *thy chariot* and descend that the rain not stop thee.

45 And it came to pass in the meanwhile that the heavens became black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

46 And the hand of the LORD was upon Elijah, who girded up his loins and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Kings 19

1 ¶ And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and of how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if by tomorrow at this time I have not made thy person as one of them.

3 And when he saw *that*, he arose and departed *to save* his life and came to Beersheba, which *is* in Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a juniper *tree*; and desiring to die, he said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I *am* not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper *tree*, behold, then an angel touched him and said unto him, Arise *and* eat.

6 Then he looked and behold, *there was* a cake baked on the coals and a cruse of water at his head. And he ate and drank and went back to sleep.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time and touched him and said, Arise *and* eat, for there is a great journey before thee.

8 And he arose and ate and drank and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights unto Horeb, the mount of God.

9 ¶ And there he went into a cave, where he lodged; and the word of the LORD *came* to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he replied, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of the hosts, for the sons of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left, and they seek me to take my life.

11 And he said, Go forth and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake.

12 And after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire. And after the fire, a still small voice,

13 Which when Elijah heard *it*, he covered his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the door of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, saying, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14 And he replied, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of the hosts because the sons of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left, and they seek me to take my life.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way by the wilderness of Damascus; and thou shalt arrive *there* and anoint Hazael *to be* king over Syria;

16 and Jehu, the son of Nimshi, thou shalt anoint *to be* king over Israel; and Elisha, the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah, thou shalt anoint *to be* prophet in thy place.

17 And it shall be *that* he that escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall slay; and he that escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall slay.

18 And I will cause seven thousand to remain in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.

19 ¶ So he departed from there and found Elisha, the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed by him and cast his mantle upon him.

20 So he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again, for what have I done to thee?

21 And he returned back from him and took a yoke of oxen and slew them and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen and gave unto the people and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and served him.

1 Kings 20

1 ¶ Then Benhadad, the king of Syria, gathered all his host together; and *there were* thirty-two kings with him and horses and chariots; and he went up and besieged Samaria and warred against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab, king of Israel, into the city and said unto him, Thus hath Benhadad said,

3 Thy silver and thy gold *is* mine; thy wives also and thy children, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy word, I *am* thine and all that I have.

5 And the messengers came again and said, Thus hath Benhadad said, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver and thy gold and thy wives and thy children,

6 yet I will send my slaves unto thee tomorrow about this time, and they shall search thy house and the houses of thy slaves; and it shall be *that* whatever is precious in thine eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand and take *it* away.

7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land and said, Understand, I pray you, and see how this man seeks only evil, for he sent unto me for my wives and for my children and for my silver and for my gold, and I denied him not.

8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not *unto him*, nor consent.

9 So he said unto the messengers of Benhadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy slave at the first I will do, but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed and brought him word again.

10 And Benhadad sent unto him again and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, that the dust of Samaria shall not be enough for the *open* hands of all the people that follow me.

11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him*, Let not him that girds on *his harness* boast as he that puts it off.

12 ¶ And when he heard this word, as he was drinking with the kings in the pavilions, he said unto his slaves, Set *yourselves in array*. And they set *themselves in array* against the city.

13 And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab, king of Israel, saying, Thus hath the LORD said, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into thy hand today, that thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus hath the LORD said, *Even* by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall begin the battle? And he answered, Thou.

15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two: and after them he numbered all the people, *even* all the sons of Israel, *being* seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon. But Benhadad *was* drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first. And Benhadad had sent out men who warned him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 Then he said, If they have come out for peace, take them alive; or if they have come out for war, take them alive.

19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army followed after them.

20 And each one smote the man that came against him; and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them. And Benhadad, the king of Syria, escaped on a horse with some of the horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out and smote the horsemen and the chariots and smote the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 ¶ And the prophet came to the king of Israel and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and consider, and see what thou must do, for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

23 And the slaves of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods *are* gods of the mountains; therefore, they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

24 Therefore, do this: Remove the kings from their positions and put captains in their place.

25 And prepare another army like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot; then we will fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Benhadad numbered the Syrians and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

27 And the sons of Israel were numbered and took provisions and went against them; and the sons of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the land.

28 *Then* the man of God came and spoke unto the king of Israel and said, Thus hath the LORD said, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD *is* God of the mountains, but he *is* not God of the valleys, therefore, I will deliver all this great multitude into thy hand that ye may know that I *am* the LORD.

29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was that in the seventh day the battle was joined; and the sons of Israel slew of the Syrians one hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 But the rest fled to Aphek into the city, and the wall fell upon twenty-seven thousand of the men *that were* left. And Benhadad also fled and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

31 ¶ Then his slaves said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful kings; let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins and ropes upon our heads and go out to the king of Israel; peradventure he will give thee thy life.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins and *put* ropes on their heads and came to the king of Israel and said, Thy slave Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he replied, If he is yet alive, he *is* my brother.

33 Now these men took this as a good omen and quickly took this word from his mouth, and they said, Thy brother Benhadad! And he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Benhadad came forth to him, and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

34 And *Benhadad* said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make plazas for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria, and I will leave here confederated with thee. So he made a covenant with him and sent him away.

35 Then a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour by the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall smite thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him and smote him.

37 Then he found another man and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him and wounded him.

38 So the prophet departed and waited for the king by the way and disguised himself with a veil over his eyes.

39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king, and he said, Thy slave went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside and brought a man unto me and said, Guard this man; if by any means he should get away, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.

40 And when thy slave was busy here and there, he disappeared. Then the king of Israel said unto him, So *shall* thy sentence *be*; thou thyself hast decided *it*.

41 Then he quickly took the veil away from his face; and the king of Israel recognized that he *was* of the prophets.

42 And he said unto him, Thus hath the LORD said, Because thou hast let go out of *thy* hand the man of my anathema, therefore, thy life shall go for his life and thy people for his people.

43 And the king of Israel went to his house, sad and angry, and came to Samaria.

1 Kings 21

1 ¶ And it came to pass after these things *that* Naboth of Jezreel had a vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab, king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spoke unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard that I may have it for a garden of herbs because it *is* next to my house, and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; *or* if it seems good unto thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

3 And Naboth replied unto Ahab, The LORD keep me from giving thee the inheritance of my fathers.

4 And Ahab came into his house, sad and angry, because of the word which Naboth of Jezreel had spoken to him, for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he lay down upon his bed and turned away his face and would eat no bread.

5 ¶ And Jezebel, his wife, came to him and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad that thou dost eat no bread?

6 And he said unto her, Because I spoke with Naboth of Jezreel and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it; and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel, his wife, said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise *and* eat bread and let thy heart be merry; I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth of Jezreel.

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed *them* with his seal and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that *were* in his city dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people

10 and set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And *then* carry him out and stone him that he may die.

11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people.

13 Then the two men, sons of Belial, came in and sat before him; and those men of Belial witnessed against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth blasphemed God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones that he died.

14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth has been stoned and is dead.

15 And it came to pass when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead that she said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth of Jezreel which he refused to give thee for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16 And it came to pass when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth of Jezreel, to take possession of it.

17 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab, king of Israel, who *is* in Samaria; behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, where he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus hath the LORD said, Hast thou murdered and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him again, saying, Thus hath the LORD said, In the same place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall the dogs also lick thy blood, even thine.

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O my enemy? And he answered, I have found *thee* because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee and will burn away thy posterity and will cut off from Ahab him that pisses against the wall and he that is kept and he that is left in Israel.

22 And I will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha, the son of Ahijah, for the provocation with which thou hast provoked *me* to anger and made Israel to sin.

23 And of Jezebel, the LORD has also spoken, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the rampart of Jezreel.

24 Him that dies of Ahab in the city, the dogs shall eat, and him that dies in the field, shall the fowls of the air eat.

25 (Truly there was none like unto Ahab, who sold himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife incited him.

26 He was very abominable, following idols, according to all the *things* that the Amorites did, whom the LORD cast out before the sons of Israel.)

27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh and fasted and slept in sackcloth and went softly.

28 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, the Tishbite, saying,

29 Seest thou how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days, *but* in his son's days I will bring the evil upon his house.

1 Kings 22

1 ¶ And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, came down to the king of Israel.

3 And the king of Israel said unto his slaves, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead *is* ours, and we are late in not taking it out of the hand of the king of Syria?

4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramothgilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD today.

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up, for the Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

7 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there even yet a prophet of the LORD here that we might enquire of him?

8 And the king of Israel replied unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah, the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD; but I hate him, for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called a eunuch and said, Bring Micaiah, the son of Imlah, here quickly.

10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in the plaza at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zedekiah, the son of Chenaanah, made himself horns of iron, and he said, Thus hath the LORD said, With these shalt thou push the Syrians until thou have consumed them.

12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead and be prospered, for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the king's hand.

13 And the messenger that had gone to call Micaiah spoke unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth; now let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them and speak *that which is* good.

14 And Micaiah said, As the LORD lives, all that the LORD says unto me, that will I speak.

15 ¶ So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go and be prospered, for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but *that which is* true in the name of the LORD?

17 Then he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains as sheep without a shepherd; and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return each man to his house in peace.

18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?

19 Then he said, Hear thou, therefore, the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne and all the host of the heavens standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said in this manner and another said in that manner.

21 And there came forth a spirit and stood before the LORD and said, I will persuade him.

22 And the LORD said unto him, In what manner? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade *him*, and prevail also; go forth and do so.

23 Now, therefore, behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD has decreed evil concerning thee.

24 Then Zedekiah, the son of Chenaanah, went near and smote Micaiah on the cheek and said, Which way did the Spirit of the LORD go from me to speak unto thee?

25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

26 Then the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah and carry him back unto Amon, the governor of the city, and to Joash, the king's son

27 and say, Thus hath the king said, Put this *fellow* in the prison and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

28 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me. Then he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

29 ¶ So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, went up to Ramothgilead.

30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself and enter into the battle, but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself and went into the battle.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty-two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, but only with the king of Israel.

32 And when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, Surely this is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him, but Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it *was* not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 But a *certain* man, shooting his bow in perfection, smote the king of Israel between the joints of *his* coat of mail; therefore, he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thy hand and carry me out of the host, for I am wounded.

35 And the battle had increased that day, and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians and died in the evening, and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

36 And at the going down of the sun there went a proclamation throughout the camp, saying, Every man to his city and every man to his own land.

37 So the king died and was brought to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And they washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria, and they also washed his armour; {Heb. fornications} and the dogs licked up his blood, according unto the word of the LORD which he had spoken.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers, and Ahaziah, his son, reigned in his stead.

41 ¶ And Jehoshaphat, the son of Asa, began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab, king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat *was* thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa, his father; he turned not aside from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD. Nevertheless, the high places were not taken away, *for* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat and his might that he showed and how he warred, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the male *cult* prostitutes, which had remained from the days of his father Asa, he consumed out of the land.

47 *There was* then no king in Edom; *there was* a president *instead of* a king.

48 Jehoshaphat had made ships in Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold, but they did not go, for the ships were broken at Eziongeber.

49 Then Ahaziah, the son of Ahab, said unto Jehoshaphat, Let my slaves go with thy slaves in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.

50 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, his father, and Jehoram, his son, reigned in his stead.

51 Ahaziah, the son of Ahab, began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the year seventeen of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam, the son of

Nebat, who made Israel sin,

53 for he served Baal and worshipped him and provoked to anger the LORD
God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

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2 Kings 1

1 ¶ Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria and was sick, and he sent messengers and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover of this disease.

3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and thou shalt say unto them, Is there no God in Israel, *that* ye go to enquire of Baalzebub, the god of Ekron?

4 Now therefore, thus hath the LORD said, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

5 And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

6 And they said unto him, We met a man who said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you and say unto him, Thus hath the LORD said, Is there no God in Israel, *that* thou dost send to enquire of Baalzebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

7 Then he said unto them, What manner of man *was he* who came up to meet you and told you these words?

8 And they answered him, *He was* a hairy man and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, *It is* Elijah, the Tishbite.

9 ¶ Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him, and, behold, he sat on the top of a mountain. And he spoke unto him, Man of God, the king has commanded thee to come down.

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I *am* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And fire came down from heaven, that consumed him and his fifty.

11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.

12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I *am* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

13 And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up and came and fell on his knees before Elijah and besought him and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life and the life of these fifty thy slaves, be precious in thy sight.

14 Behold, fire has come down from heaven and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties; therefore, let my soul now be precious in thy sight.

15 Then the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him; do not be afraid of him. And he arose and went down with him unto the king.

16 And he said unto him, Thus hath the LORD said, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub, the god of Ekron, peradventure is there no God in Israel to enquire of his word? Therefore, thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram (*son of Ahab*) reigned in his stead, in the second year of Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, because *Ahaziah* had no son.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

2 Kings 2

1 ¶ And it came to pass, when the LORD would take Elijah up into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD has sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said *unto him*, As the LORD lives and *as thy soul lives*, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

3 And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Bethel came forth to Elisha and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head today? And he said, Yes, I know *it*; be silent.

4 And Elijah said unto him again, Elisha, tarry here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD lives and *as thy soul lives*, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

5 And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho came to Elisha and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head today? And he answered, Yes, I know *it*; be silent.

6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan. And he said, As the LORD lives and *as thy soul lives*, I will not leave thee. And *thus* the two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood in front of them afar off; and the two of them stood by the Jordan.

8 And Elijah took his mantle and wrapped *it* together and smote the waters, and they separated to one side and the other so that they both went over on dry ground.

9 ¶ And when they had gone over, Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee before I am taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a difficult thing. If thou shalt see me *when I am* taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee, but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on and talked, that, behold, a chariot of fire with horses of fire separated the two, and Elijah went up into heaven in a whirlwind.

12 And as Elisha saw *it*, he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more, and he took hold of his own clothes and rent them in two pieces.

13 ¶ And lifting up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, he went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

14 And taking up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, he smote the waters, and said, Where *is* the LORD God of Elijah? And when he smote the waters, they separated to one side and the other, and Elisha went over.

15 And seeing him, the sons of the prophets who *were* at Jericho said, The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha. And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there are fifty strong men with thy slaves; let them go and seek thy master; peradventure the Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley. And he said, Do not send *them*.

17 But when they urged him until he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men, and they sought him three days, but did not find him.

18 And when they came again to him (for he tarried at Jericho), he said unto them, Did I not tell you to not go?

19 ¶ And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, the seat of this city *is* good, as my lord sees, but the water *is* evil, and the ground barren.

20 Then he said, Bring me a new cruse and put salt in it. And they brought *it* to him.

21 And he went forth unto the springs of the waters and cast the salt in there and said, Thus hath the LORD said, I have healed these waters; there shall be no more death or barrenness in them.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the word which Elisha spoke.

23 Then he went up from there unto Bethel, and as he was going up by the way, the young men {or servants} of the city came forth and mocked him, saying, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

24 And he turned back and looked on them and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And two bears came forth out of the forest and tore apart forty-two young men of them.

25 And he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

2 Kings 3

1 ¶ Now Jehoram, the son of Ahab, began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, but not like his father and like his mother, for he put away the images of Baal that his father had made.

3 Nevertheless, he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin; he did not depart from them.

4 And Mesha, king of Moab, was a pastor and rendered unto the king of Israel one hundred thousand lambs and one hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6 ¶ And King Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time and numbered all Israel.

7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab has rebelled against me; wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up; I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people *and* my horses as thy horses.

8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

9 So the king of Israel went and the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and as they walked round about seven days' journey through the desert, there was no water for the host or for the beasts that followed them.

10 Then the king of Israel said, Alas! The LORD has called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

11 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not a prophet of the LORD here, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's slaves answered and said, Here *is* Elisha, the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah.

12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 Then Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? Go to the prophets of thy father and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, No, for the LORD has called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

14 And Elisha said, As the LORD of the hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee nor see thee.

15 But now bring me a minstrel. And when the minstrel played, the hand of the LORD came upon him;

16 and he said, Thus hath the LORD said, Make this valley full of ditches.

17 For thus hath the LORD said, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet this valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye and your livestock and your beasts.

18 And this is *but* a light thing in the sight of the LORD; he will also deliver the Moabites into your hands.

19 And ye shall smite every fenced city and every choice city and shall fell every good tree and stop every fountain of water and mar every good piece of land with stones.

20 ¶ And it came to pass in the morning, when the present was offered, that water came by the way of Edom, and the land was filled with water.

21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to gird on a girdle and upward and stood in the border.

22 And when they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water before them *as* red as blood;

23 and they said, This *is* blood; the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another. Now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.

24 But when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites so that they fled before them, but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in *their* country.

25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land each man cast his stone and filled it, and they stopped all the fountains of water and felled all the good trees until they left their stones only in Kirharaseth, for the slingers went about *it* and smote it.

26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was overcoming him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords to break through unto the king of Edom, but they could not.

27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead and offered him *for* a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation in Israel, and they departed from him and returned to *their own* land.

2 Kings 4

1 ¶ Now a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried unto Elisha, saying, Thy slave, my husband, is dead; and thou knowest that thy slave feared the LORD; and the creditor is come to take my two sons to be his slaves.

2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? Tell me what thou hast in the house? And she said, Thy handmaid has nothing in the house except a flask of oil.

3 And he said, Go, borrow vessels from all thy neighbours, empty vessels; borrow not a few.

4 Then enter in and shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons and pour out into all those vessels, and as each one is full, set it aside.

5 So she went from him and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her, and she poured out *the oil*.

6 And when the vessels were full, she said unto her son, Bring me yet *another* vessel. And he said unto her, *There are* no more vessels. Then the oil stopped *flowing*.

7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell this oil and pay thy debtors and live thou and thy sons of the rest.

8 ¶ And it also happened that one day Elisha passed through Shunem, where *there was* an important woman, and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, *that* as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread.

9 And she said to her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* a holy man of God, who passes by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall, and let us set for him there a bed and a table and a stool and a lampstand so that when he comes to us, he shall turn in there.

11 And it came to pass one day that he came there, and he turned into the chamber and slept there.

12 Then he said to Gehazi, his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said unto *Gehazi*, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been diligent for us with all this care; what shall I do for thee? Dost thou have need that I speak for thee unto the king or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among my own people.

14 And he said, What then shall we do for her? And *Gehazi* answered, Verily she has no child, and her husband is old.

15 *Then* he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

16 And he said, At the appointed time, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not deceive thy handmaid.

17 But the woman conceived and gave birth to a son at *the* appointed time that *Elisha* had said unto her, according to the time of life.

18 ¶ And when the child was grown, it came to pass one day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a servant, Carry him to his mother.

20 And when he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees until noon and *then* died.

21 *Then* she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God and shut *the door* upon him and went out.

22 And calling her husband, she said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men and one of the asses that I may run to the man of God and come again.

23 And he said, Why must thou go to him today? *It is* neither new moon nor sabbath. And she said, Peace.

24 *Then* she caused the ass to be saddled and said to her servant, Lead and go forward; slack not the pace for me except I bid thee.

25 So she went and came unto the man of God to Mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to *Gehazi*, his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite.

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her and say unto her, Dost thou have peace? And thy husband? And the child? And she answered, Peace.

27 And when she came to the man of God in the mountain, she caught him by the feet. And *Gehazi* came near to thrust her away; but the man of God

said, Let her alone, for her soul *is* bitter within her; and the LORD has hid *it* from me and has not revealed it to me.

28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?

29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins and take my staff in thy hand and go; if thou meet anyone, salute him not; and if anyone salutes thee, answer him not again, and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

30 Then the mother of the child said, As the LORD lives and *as* thy soul lives, I will not leave thee. And he arose and followed her.

31 And Gehazi had gone on before them and had laid the staff upon the face of the child, but *there was* neither voice, nor attention. Therefore he went again to meet him and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was laid dead upon his bed.

33 He went in therefore and shut the door upon both of them and prayed unto the LORD.

34 *Then* he went up and lay upon the child and put his mouth upon his mouth and his eyes upon his eyes and his hands upon his hands; *thus* he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

35 Then he returned and walked through the house to and fro and went up and stretched himself upon him again; and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 And he called Gehazi and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And as she was coming in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

37 Then she entered in and fell at his feet and bowed herself to the ground and took up her son and went out.

38 ¶ And Elisha returned to Gilgal. Then there was a famine in the land; and the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him, so he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot and make pottage for the sons of the prophets.

39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs and found a wild vine and gathered his lap full of wild grapes and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage, for they knew *them* not.

40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of that pottage, that they cried out and said, O *thou* man of God,

there is death in the pot. And they could not eat it.

41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot, and he said, Pour out for the people that they may eat. And there was no evil thing in the pot.

42 Then a man came from Baalshalisha, who brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of wheat in the head. And he said, Give unto the people that they may eat.

43 And his minister said, How can I set this before one hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat, for thus hath the LORD said, They shall eat, and *some* shall be left over.

44 So he set *it* before them, and they ate, and *some was* left over, according to the word of the LORD.

2 Kings 5

1 ¶ Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high esteem because by him the LORD had given salvation unto Syria; he was also a mighty man in valour, *but he was a leper.*

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid, and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3 And she said unto her mistress, If my lord would ask the prophet that *is* in Samaria, he would remove his leprosy.

4 And *Naaman* went in and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that *is* of the land of Israel.

5 And the king of Syria said, Go, depart, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

6 And he *also* took the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have *therewith* sent Naaman, my slave, to thee, that thou may remove his leprosy.

7 And when the king of Israel read the letter, he rent his clothes and said, *Am* I God, to kill and to give life, that this man sends unto me to remove the leprosy of this man? Therefore now consider and see how he seeks a quarrel against me.

8 And when Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, Why hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

9 ¶ So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall be restored, and thou shalt be clean.

11 But Naaman went away angry and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD, his God, and strike his hand over the place and remove the leprosy.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 Then his slaves came near and spoke unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do some* great thing, would thou not have done *it*? How much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash and be clean?

14 Then went he down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 ¶ And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came and stood before him, and he said, Behold, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing from thy slave.

16 But he said, As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take *it*, but he refused.

17 Then Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy slave two mules' burden of earth? For from now on thy slave will offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

18 In this thing *may* the LORD pardon thy slave, *that* when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, if I also bow myself in the house of Rimmon, that the LORD pardon thy slave in this thing, if I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon.

19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

20 ¶ But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master has spared Naaman, this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw *him* running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him and said, *Is there* no peace?

22 And he said, Peace. My master has sent me, saying, Behold, even now two young men of the sons of the prophets came to me from Mount Ephraim; give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman said, If you wish take two talents. And he urged him and bound two talents of silver in two bags with two changes of garments and laid *them* upon two of his servants; and they bore *them* before him.

24 And when he came to a secret place, he took *them* from their hand and bestowed *them* in the house; and he let the men go, and they departed.

25 But *when* he went in and stood before his master, Elisha said unto him, From where *comest thou*, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went nowhere.

26 Then he said unto him, Did not my heart go *with thee* when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? *Is it* a time to receive money and to receive garments and oliveyards and vineyards and sheep and oxen and menslaves and maidslaves?

27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper *as white* as snow.

2 Kings 6

1 ¶ The sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too tight for us.

2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto the Jordan, and each one take a beam from there, and let us make us a place there where we may dwell. And he answered, Go.

3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy slaves. And he answered, I will go.

4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down the wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water, and he cried and said, Alas, master! It was borrowed.

6 And the man of God said, Where did it fall? And he showed him the place. Then he cut down a stick and cast it in there and caused the iron to swim.

7 And he said unto him, Take it. And he put out his hand and took it.

8 ¶ Then the king of Syria warred against Israel and took counsel with his slaves, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware to not pass through such *and such* a place, for the Syrians are going there.

10 Then the king of Israel sent to the place, which the man of God told him and warned him of and kept himself from there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore, the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled over this thing, and he called his slaves and said unto them, Will ye not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?

12 Then one of his slaves said, None, my lord, O king, but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13 ¶ And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and take him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.

14 So he sent horsemen and chariots there and a great host, who came by night and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early to go forth, behold, a host compassed the city both with horsemen and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! What shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not; for those that *are* with us *are* more than those that *are* with them.

17 And Elisha prayed and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw; and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horsemen and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

18 And when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD and said, Smite these people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 And Elisha said unto them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. And he led them to Samaria.

20 And when they came into Samaria, Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *they were* in the midst of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them*? Shall I smite *them*?

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them*; would thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and return to their master.

23 And he prepared great provision for them; and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

24 ¶ And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad, king of Syria, gathered all his host and went up and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria as they besieged it until an ass's head was *sold* for eighty *pieces* of silver and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver.

26 And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, a woman cried unto him, saying, Save me, my lord, O king.

27 And he said, If the LORD does not save thee, from where shall I save thee? Out of the threshingfloor, or out of the winepress?

28 And the king said unto her, What ails thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.

29 So we boiled my son and ate him. And I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son that we may eat him. But she has hid her son.

30 And when the king heard the words of the woman, he rent his clothes; and he passed by *like this* upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth within upon his flesh.

31 Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha, the son of Shaphat, shall remain upon him today.

32 And Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and *the king* sent a man unto him. But before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door; *is not* the sound of his master's feet behind him?

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him; and he said, Behold, this evil *is* of the LORD; for what should I wait for the LORD any longer?

2 Kings 7

1 ¶ Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus hath the LORD said, Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour *shall be sold* for a shekel and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2 Then a captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, Behold, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see *it* with thine eyes, but shalt not eat of it.

3 ¶ And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate, who said one to another, Why shall we stay here until we die?

4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there; and if we stay here, we shall die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians; if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

5 And they rose up at the beginning of the night, to go unto the camp of the Syrians; and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there.

6 For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots and a noise of horses, *even* the noise of a great host; and they said one to another, Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

7 Therefore they had arisen and fled at the beginning of the night and had left their tents and their horses and their asses, *even* the camp as it was, and had fled for their lives.

8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank and took silver and gold and raiment and went and hid *it* and came again and entered into another tent and took from there *also* and went and hid *it*.

9 Then they said one to another, We do not well; this day *is* a day to *give* good tidings, and we are silent; if we tarry until the morning light, we shall be taken in the iniquity. Now, therefore, come, that we may enter in and give the news in the king's house.

10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city, and they told them, saying, We went to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied and asses tied, and the tents as they *were*.

11 And the porters cried out and told *it* inside and in the king's house.

12 ¶ And the king arose in the night and said unto his slaves, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *are* hungry; therefore, they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive and get into the city.

13 Then one of his slaves answered and said, Let *some* take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city (for they *are* as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it; they *are* also as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed) and let us send and see.

14 They took, therefore, two chariot horses; and the king sent after the camp of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

15 And they went after them unto the Jordan; and, behold, all the way *was* full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned and told the king.

16 Then the people went out and spoiled the camp of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

17 And the king appointed the prince on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate; and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him.

18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria.

19 Unto which that prince had answered the man of God, and said, Even if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat of it.

20 And so it happened unto him, for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

2 Kings 8

1 ¶ Then Elisha spoke unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household and sojourn wherever thou canst sojourn; for the LORD has called for a famine which shall come upon the land seven years.

2 Then the woman arose and did as the man of God told her; and she went with her household and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it came to pass at the end of the seven years that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines, and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her lands.

4 And the king had talked with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha has done.

5 And as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. So Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. Then the king appointed unto her a eunuch, saying, Restore all that was hers and all the fruits of the lands since the day that she left the lands, even until now.

7 ¶ Elisha went to Damascus; and Benhadad, the king of Syria, was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come here.

8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thy hand, and go, meet the man of God and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

9 So Hazael went to meet him and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Benhadad, king of Syria, has sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou may certainly recover. But the LORD has showed me that he shall surely die.

11 And he settled his countenance steadfastly, until he was ashamed; and the man of God wept.

12 Then Hazael said unto him, Why does my lord weep? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the sons of Israel; their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword and wilt dash their children and rip up their women with child.

13 And Hazael said, But what, *is* thy slave a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD has showed me that thou *shalt be* king over Syria.

14 So he departed from Elisha and came to his master; who said to him, What did Elisha say to thee? And he answered, He told me *that* thou may surely recover.

15 And it came to pass on the next day that he took a thick cloth and dipped *it* in water and spread *it* on his face so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his stead.

16 ¶ And in the fifth year of Joram, the son of Ahab, king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *being* then king of Judah, Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, began to reign.

17 He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife, and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

19 Yet with all this, the LORD would not destroy Judah for David, his slave's sake, as he had promised him to give him always a light of his sons.

20 In his days, Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah and made a king over themselves.

21 So Joram went over to Zair and all his chariots with him, and he rose up by night and smote the Edomites, who had compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots; and the people fled into their tents.

22 Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Joram and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24 And Joram slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and Ahaziah, his son, reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ In the twelfth year of Joram, the son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram king of Judah, began to reign.

26 Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri, king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as *did* the house of Ahab; for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

28 And he went with Joram, the son of Ahab, to the war against Hazael, king of Syria, in Ramothgilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

29 And King Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael, king of Syria. And Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram king of Judah, went down to see Joram, the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

2 Kings 9

1 ¶ Then Elisha, the prophet, called one of the sons of the prophets and said unto him, Gird up thy loins and take this flask of oil in thy hand and go to Ramothgilead.

2 And when thou comest there, thou shalt see Jehu, the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, there; go in and make him arise up from among his brethren and take him to an inner chamber.

3 Then take the flask of oil and pour *it* on his head and say, Thus hath the LORD said, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door and flee and do not tarry.

4 So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramothgilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host *were* sitting, and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

6 And he arose and went into the house, and he poured the oil on his head and said unto him, Thus hath said the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab, thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my slaves, the prophets, and the blood of all the slaves of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.

8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisses against the wall, he that is shut up as well as he that is left in Israel.

9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha, the son of Ahijah.

10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and *there shall be* no one to bury *her*. And he opened the door and fled.

11 ¶ Then Jehu came forth to the slaves of his lord, and *one* said unto him, Is there peace? Why did this mad *fellow* come to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man and his communication.

12 And they said, We know not; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus he spoke unto me, saying, Thus hath the LORD said, I have anointed thee king

over Israel.

13 Then they hastened, and each man took his garment, and put *it* under him in a high throne, and blew the shofar, saying, Jehu is king.

14 So Jehu, the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram. (Now Joram was keeping Ramothgilead, with all Israel, because of Hazael, king of Syria.

15 But King Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael, king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it is your desire, *then* do not let anyone go forth *nor* escape out of the city to tell the news in Jezreel.

16 ¶ So Jehu rode and went to Jezreel, for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah, king of Judah, was come down to see Joram.

17 And the watchman, who stood in the tower of Jezreel, spied the company of Jehu as he came and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take a horseman and send to meet them and let him say unto them, Is there peace?

18 So one on horseback went to meet him and said, Thus saith the king, Is there peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? Turn behind me. And the watchman gave notice, saying, The messenger came to them, but he does not return.

19 Then he sent out another on horseback, who came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is there peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? Turn behind me.

20 And the watchman gave notice again, saying, He also came unto them and does not return, and the pace of him who is coming *is* like the pace of Jehu, the son of Nimshi, for he comes impetuously.

21 And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram, king of Israel, and Ahaziah, king of Judah, went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu and found him in the portion of Naboth of Jezreel.

22 And when Joram saw Jehu, he said, Is there peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the fornications of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts *are* so many?

23 Then Joram turned his hands and fled and said to Ahaziah, *There is* treachery, O Ahaziah.

24 But Jehu drew his bow with his full strength and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

25 Then said *Jehu* to Bidkar, his captain, Take him *and* cast him in the edge of the portion of the field of Naboth of Jezreel. Remember that when thou and I went together after Ahab, his father, the LORD pronounced this sentence upon him, saying,

26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons, said the LORD, and I will requite thee in this portion, said the LORD. Now, therefore, take *and* cast him into the portion, according to the word of the LORD.

27 But when Ahaziah, the king of Judah, saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him and said, Smite him also in the chariot. *And they did so* at the ascent to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo and died there.

28 And his slaves carried him to Jerusalem and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

29 In the eleventh year of Joram, the son of Ahab, Ahaziah began to reign over Judah.

30 ¶ And Jehu came to Jezreel, and when Jezebel heard *of it*, she painted her face and tired her head and looked out of a window.

31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, *Had* Zimri peace, who slew his master?

32 And he lifted up his face to the window and said, Who *is* on my side? Who? And two *or* three eunuchs looked at him.

33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down, and *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall and on the horses; and he trode her under foot.

34 And he entered in, and after he ate and drank, he said, Go, see now this cursed *woman* and bury her; for *after all* she *is* a king's daughter.

35 But when they went to bury her, they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of *her* hands.

36 And they returned and told him. And he said, This *is* the word of the LORD, which he spoke by his slave Elijah, the Tishbite, saying, In the

portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel.

37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel so that no one shall be able to say, This *is* Jezebel.

2 Kings 10

1 ¶ And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters and sent to Samaria unto the princes of Jezreel, to the elders, and to those that brought up Ahab's *children*, saying,

2 Now as soon as this letter comes to you, unto those who have your master's sons and who have chariots and horsemen and who have the arms and munitions of the city,

3 see *which* is the best and most upright of your master's sons and set *him* on his father's throne and fight for your master's house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid and said, Behold, two kings could not stand before him; how then shall we stand?

5 And he that *was* over the house and he that *was* over the city, the elders also, and those who had brought up *the children* sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* thy slaves and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king; thou shalt do *that which* is good in thy eyes.

6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye *are* mine and *if* ye will hearken unto my voice, take the heads of the male sons of your master and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time. Now the king's sons, *being* seventy males, *were* with the great men of the city, who had brought them up.

7 And when the letter came to them, they took the king's sons and slew seventy males and put their heads in baskets and sent him *them* to Jezreel.

8 And a messenger came and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning.

9 And in the morning, he went out and stood and said to all the people, Ye *are* righteous; behold, I conspired against my master and slew him; but who slew all these?

10 Know now that of the word of the LORD which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab, nothing shall fall to the ground, for the LORD has done *that* which he spoke by his slave Elijah.

11 So Jehu slew all that had remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men and all his kinsfolk and all his priests until he left him

none remaining.

12 And he arose and departed and came to Samaria. *And* as he was at a pastor's shearing house in the way,

13 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah, king of Judah, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* the brethren of Ahaziah, and we go down to salute the sons of the king and the sons of the queen.

14 So he said, Take them alive. And after they took them alive, they slew them at the well of the shearing house, forty-two men, without leaving any of them.

15 ¶ And when he had departed from there, he met Jehonadab, the son of Rechab; and after he saluted him, he said to him, Is thy heart right as my heart *is* with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it is, give *me* thy hand. And he gave *him* his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said, Come with me, and thou shalt see my zeal for the LORD. So they had him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that had remained of Ahab in Samaria, until he had *completely* destroyed him, according to the word of the LORD which he had spoken to Elijah.

18 And Jehu gathered all the people together and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little *but* Jehu shall serve him much.

19 Now, therefore, call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let no one be lacking, for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whoever is lacking shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in subtilty to the intent that he might destroy those that served Baal.

20 And Jehu said, Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*.

21 And Jehu sent through all Israel, and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was no one lacking that did not come. And they came into the house of Baal, and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

22 And he said to the one that *was* over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all those that served Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Jehu went with Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal and said unto the servants of Baal, Search and make sure that none of the slaves of the LORD are here with you, but only the servants of Baal.

24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu put eighty men outside and said, Whoever leaves alive any of the men whom I have brought into your hands, his life shall be for that of the other.

25 And after they had finished offering the burnt offering, Jehu said to those of his guard and to the captains, Go in, *and* slay them; let none escape. And they smote them with the edge of the sword, and the guard and the captains left them where they fell and went to the city of the house of Baal,

26 and they removed the images out of the house of Baal and burned them.

27 And they broke down the image of Baal and broke down the house of Baal and made it a latrine unto this day.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 ¶ However with all this, Jehu did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin *with* the golden calves that *were* in Bethel and in Dan.

30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing *that which is* right in my eyes *and* hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in my heart, thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth *generation*.

31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart; neither did he depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who had caused Israel to sin.

32 In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short, and Hazael smote them in all the borders of Israel,

33 from the Jordan toward the rising of the sun, all the land of Gilead, of Gad, of Reuben, and of Manasses, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, to Gilead and to Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu and all that he did and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz, his son, reigned in his stead.

36 The time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty-eight years.

2 Kings 11

1 ¶ And Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, seeing that her son was dead, arose and destroyed all the royal seed.

2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash, the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons *which were* slain; and they hid him, *even* him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.

3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years, and Athaliah was queen over the land.

4 ¶ But the seventh year Jehoiada sent and took rulers over hundreds, captains and people of the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD and made a covenant with them, causing them to swear an oath in the house of the LORD, and he showed them the king's son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that ye shall do; a third part of you that shall enter in on the sabbath shall be the keepers of the watch of the king's house;

6 and a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur; {Heb. turning aside} and a third part at the gate behind the guard; so ye shall have the watch of the house of Mesah. {Heb. broken down}

7 And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king.

8 And ye shall compass the king round about, each man with his weapons in his hand; and he that comes within these orders shall be slain. Ye must be with the king as he goes out and as he comes in.

9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada, the priest, commanded; and each man took his men that were to come in on the sabbath with those that should go out on the sabbath and came to Jehoiada, the priest.

10 And the priest gave the captains over hundreds King David's spears and shields that *were* in the house of the LORD.

11 And the guard stood, each man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the house to the left corner of the house, next to the altar and the house.

12 Then he brought forth the king's son and put the crown upon him and *gave him* the testimony, and they made him king by anointing him; and they clapped their hands and said, *Long* live the king.

13 ¶ And when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running, she came to the people into the house of the LORD;

14 and when she looked, behold, the king stood by the pillar, as was his right, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced and blew with trumpets. Then Athaliah rent her clothes and cried, Treason, Treason.

15 Then Jehoiada, the priest, commanded the captains of the hundreds that governed the host and said unto them, Take her forth outside the order of the house and kill with the sword any that follow her. (For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.)

16 And they laid hands on her, and she went by the way by which the horsemen enter into the king's house, and there she was slain.

17 ¶ Then Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people; and likewise between the king and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal and broke it down; his altars and his images they broke in pieces thoroughly and slew Mattan, the priest of Baal, before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD.

19 And he took the rulers over hundreds and the captains and the guard and all the people of the land, and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was at rest *after* they slew Athaliah with the sword *beside* the king's house.

21 Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign.

2 Kings 12

1 ¶ In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 And Jehoash did *that which* was right in the sight of the LORD all the time that Jehoiada, the priest, instructed him.

3 But with all this, the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 ¶ And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the sanctified things that is brought into the house of the LORD, the money of the *redemptions* of each one that passes *the account*, the money of each soul according to the estimation of each one, *and* all the money that comes into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 let the priests receive it, each man of his kinsmen; and let them repair the breaches of the house, wherever any breach shall be found.

6 But it was so *that*, in the year twenty-three of King Jehoash, the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then King Jehoash called for Jehoiada, the priest, and the *other* priests and said unto them, Why do ye not repair the breaches of the house? Now, therefore, receive no *more* money of your kinsmen, but deliver it to repair the breaches of the house.

8 And the priests consented to receive no *more* money from the people, neither to be responsible to repair the breaches of the house.

9 Then Jehoiada, the priest, took an ark and bored a hole in the lid of it and set it beside the altar, on the right side of the entrance to the house of the LORD; and the priests that kept the door put all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD in it.

10 And when they saw that there was much money in the ark, the king's scribe and the high priest came up and counted the money that was found in the house of the LORD and guarded it.

11 And they gave sufficient money into the hands of those that did the work and of those that had the responsibility of the house of the LORD; and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders that repaired the house of the LORD,

12 and to the masons and hewers of stone and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD and for all that was laid out for the house to repair *it*.

13 But of that money that was brought into the house of the LORD, they did not make bowls of silver nor snuffers nor basins nor trumpets nor any vessels of gold or vessels of silver for the house of the LORD

14 because they gave it to the workmen and repaired the house of the LORD with it.

15 Moreover they did not require accounts from the men into whose hands they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen, for they dealt faithfully.

16 The guilt money and sin money was not brought into the house of the LORD, for it was the priests’.

17 ¶ Then Hazael, king of Syria, went up, and fought against Gath and took it; and Hazael set his face to go up against Jerusalem.

18 And Jehoash, king of Judah, took all the holy things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated and his own holy things and all the gold *that was* found in the treasury of the house of the LORD and in the king’s house and sent *it* to Hazael, king of Syria; and he went away from Jerusalem.

19 And the rest of the acts of Joash and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And his slaves arose and made a conspiracy and slew Joash in the house of Millo, as he was going down to Silla.

21 For Jozachar, the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his slaves, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and Amaziah, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 13

1 ¶ In the year twenty-three of Joash, the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu, began to reign over Israel in Samaria *and reigned* seventeen years.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD and followed the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin; and he did not depart from them.

3 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael, king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad, the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

4 But Jehoahaz grieved *before* the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him, for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

5 (And the LORD gave Israel a saviour so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians, and the sons of Israel dwelt in their tents as beforetime.

6 With all this, they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, *but* walked in them; and the grove also remained in Samaria.)

7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen and ten chariots and ten thousand footmen, for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like dust to be tread upon.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz and all that he did and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria; and Joash, his son, reigned in his stead.

10 ¶ In the year thirty-seven of Joash, king of Judah, Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, began to reign over Israel in Samaria *and reigned* sixteen years.

11 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he walked in them.

12 And the rest of the acts of Joash and all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah, king of Judah, *are* they not written in the

book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

13 And Joash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat upon his throne; and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness of which he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariots of Israel, and the horsemen thereof!

15 And Elisha said unto him, Take the bow and the arrows. And he took unto him the bow and the arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thy hand upon the bow. And he put his hand *upon it*; and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

17 And he said, Open the window towards the east. And when he opened it Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's salvation, and the arrow of salvation from Syria; for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, until thou have consumed *them*.

18 And he said again, Take the arrows. And he took *them*. Then he said to the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote three times, and stopped.

19 Then the man of God was angry with him, and said, If thou would have smitten five or six times; then thou would have smitten Syria until thou had consumed *it*; whereas now thou shalt smite Syria three times.

20 ¶ And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band *of men*; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha; and when the dead man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22 So Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 But the LORD was merciful unto them, and had compassion on them, and looked upon them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and did not desire to destroy them or to cast them from his presence as yet.

24 And Hazael king of Syria died; and Benhadad his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz, his father, by war. Three times did Joash smite him, and he recovered the cities of Israel.

2 Kings 14

1 ¶ In the second year of Joash, son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, Amaziah, the son of Joash, king of Judah, began to reign.

2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father; he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

4 With all this, the high places were not taken away; as yet the people sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

5 And as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, he slew his slaves which had slain the king, his father.

6 But the sons of those who had slain him he slew not; according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but each one shall die for their own sin.

7 He slew of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand and took Selah by war and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.

8 ¶ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look each other in the face.

9 And Jehoash, the king of Israel, sent to Amaziah, king of Judah, this reply, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife. And the wild beasts that *were* in Lebanon passed by and trode down the thistle.

10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thy heart has lifted thee up; glory *in this*, but tarry at home. Why should thou meddle in evil that thou should fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee?

11 But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash, king of Israel, went up; and he and Amaziah, king of Judah, looked each other in the face at Bethshemesh, which *is* in Judah.

12 But Judah fell before Israel, and they fled each man to their tents.

13 Furthermore, Jehoash, king of Israel, took Amaziah, king of Judah, the son of Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah, at Bethshemesh and came to Jerusalem and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all the gold and silver and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD and in the treasury of the king's house and the sons as hostages and returned to Samaria.

15 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash, which he did, and his might and how he fought with Amaziah, king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam, his son, reigned in his stead.

17 And Amaziah, the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived after the death of Jehoash, son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and slew him there.

20 And they brought him on horses, and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 Then all the people of Judah took Azariah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

22 He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers.

23 ¶ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah, the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam, the son of Joash, king of Israel, began to reign in Samaria *and reigned* forty-one years.

24 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

25 He restored the borders of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he had spoken by the hand of his slave Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, who *was* of Gathhepher.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter, for *there was* no one shut up nor any left nor any to help Israel;

27 and the LORD had not yet determined to blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; therefore, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam, the son of Joash.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam and all that he did and his might, how he warred and how he recovered Damascus and Hamath to Judah in Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, with the kings of Israel, and Zachariah, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 15

1 ¶ In the year twenty-seven of Jeroboam, king of Israel, Azariah, son of Amaziah, king of Judah, began to reign.

2 He was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

4 But with all this, the high places were not removed; the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.

5 And the LORD smote the king so that he was a leper unto the day of his death and dwelt in a separate house. And Jotham, the king's son, *was over* the house, judging the people of the land.

6 And the rest of the acts of Azariah and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 So Azariah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and Jotham, his son, reigned in his stead.

8 ¶ In the year thirty-eight of Azariah, king of Judah, Zachariah, the son of Jeroboam, began to reign over Israel in Samaria six months.

9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

10 And Shallum, the son of Jabesh, conspired against him, and smote him before the people and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

11 And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

12 This *was* the word of the LORD which he spoke unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth *generation*. And so it came to pass.

13 Shallum, the son of Jabesh, began to reign in the year thirty-nine of Uzziah, king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria.

14 For Menahem, the son of Gadi, went up from Tirzah and came to Samaria and smote Shallum, the son of Jabesh, in Samaria and slew him

and reigned in his stead.

15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 Then Menahem smote Tiphseh and all that *were* therein and the borders thereof from Tirzah because they had not opened *to him*, therefore, he smote *it*; *and* all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

17 In the year thirty-nine of Azariah, king of Judah, Menahem, the son of Gadi, began to reign over Israel *and reigned* ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

19 *And* Pul, the king of Assyria, came against the land; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

20 And Menahem exacted the money upon Israel, from all the mighty men of virtue, from each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back and did not stay there in the land.

21 And the rest of the acts of Menahem and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers, and Pekahiah, his son, reigned in his stead.

23 In the year fifty of Azariah, king of Judah, Pekahiah, the son of Menahem, began to reign over Israel in Samaria *and reigned* two years.

24 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

25 But Pekah, the son of Remaliah a captain of his, conspired against him and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and Arieah and with him fifty men of the sons of Gilead; and he killed him and reigned in his place.

26 And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 In the year fifty-two of Azariah, king of Judah, Pekah, the son of Remaliah, began to reign over Israel in Samaria *and reigned* twenty years.

28 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

29 In the days of Pekah, king of Israel, came Tiglathpileser, king of Assyria, and took Ijon, Abelbethmaachah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, Galilee, and all the land of Naphtali and carried them captive to Assyria.

30 And Hosea, the son of Elah, made a conspiracy against Pekah, the son of Remaliah, and smote him and slew him and reigned in his stead, in the year twenty of Jotham, the son of Uzziah.

31 And the rest of the acts of Pekah and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 ¶ In the second year of Pekah, the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, began to reign.

33 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 With all this, the high places were not removed; the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.

36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham and all that he did, *are they not* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

37 In those days the LORD began to send against Judah Rezin, the king of Syria and Pekah, the son of Remaliah.

38 And Jotham slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, his father; and Ahaz, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 16

1 ¶ In the year seventeen of Pekah, the son of Remaliah, Ahaz, the son of Jotham, king of Judah, began to reign.

2 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem and did not do *that which* was right in the sight of the LORD his God like David, his father.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel and even made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the Gentiles, whom the LORD cast out from before the sons of Israel.

4 Likewise he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places and on the hills and under every green tree.

5 ¶ Then Rezin, king of Syria, and Pekah, son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to war; and they besieged Ahaz but could not overcome *him*.

6 At that time Rezin, king of Syria, recovered Elath to Syria and drove the Jews from Elath; and the Syrians came to Elath and dwelt there unto this day.

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglathpileser, king of Assyria, saying, I *am* thy slave and thy son; come up and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who have risen up against me.

8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasury of the king's house and sent *it for* a bribe to the king of Assyria.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him, for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and took it and carried *the people of* it captive to Kir and slew Rezin.

10 ¶ And King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglathpileser, King of Assyria, and saw the altar that *was* at Damascus; and king Ahaz sent to Urijah, the priest, the fashion of the altar and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship of it.

11 And Urijah, the priest, built an altar according to all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus; so Urijah, the priest, made *it* while King Ahaz

returned from Damascus.

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and the king came near to the altar and offered upon it.

13 And he burnt his burnt offering and his present and poured his drink offering and sprinkled the blood of his peace *offerings*, next to the altar.

14 And the brasen altar which *had been* before the LORD, he caused to be moved in front of the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and he put it beside the altar towards the Aquilon.

15 And King Ahaz commanded Urijah, the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering and the evening present and the king's burnt sacrifice and his present, and likewise the burnt offering of all the people of the land and their present and their drink offerings, and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering and all the blood of the sacrifice; and the brasen altar shall be mine to enquire *by*.

16 Thus did Urijah, the priest, according to all that King Ahaz commanded him.

17 ¶ And King Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases and removed the lavers from off them and took down the sea from off the brasen oxen that *were* under it and put it upon a pavement of stones.

18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house and the king's entry outside, he moved behind the house of the LORD, for the sake of the king of Assyria.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Hezekiah, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 17

1 ¶ In the twelfth year of Ahaz, king of Judah, Hosea, the son of Elah, began to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

2 And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

3 Against him came up Shalmaneser, king of Assyria; and Hosea became his slave and gave him presents.

4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hosea; for he had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year; therefore, the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison.

5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land and went up to Samaria and besieged it three years.

6 In the ninth year of Hosea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away into Assyria and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan and in the cities of the Medes.

7 ¶ For so it was that the sons of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods

8 and walked in the statutes of the Gentiles, whom the LORD had cast out from before the sons of Israel, and in the *statutes* of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

9 And the sons of Israel had secretly done *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD their God, building themselves high places in all their cities, from the towers of the watchmen to the fenced cities.

10 And they had set themselves up images and groves in every high hill and under every green tree;

11 and there they burnt incense in all the high places like the Gentiles, whom the LORD had carried away before them, and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger:

12 serving idols, of which the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this.

13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel and against Judah, by all the prophets *and by* all the seers, saying, Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers and which I sent to you by the hand of my slaves the prophets.

14 Notwithstanding, they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, who had never believed in the LORD their God.

15 And they rejected his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and his testimonies which he testified against them, and they followed vanity and became vain and went after the Gentiles that *were* round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.

16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God and made themselves molten images, *even* two calves, and made groves and worshipped all the host of heaven and served Baal;

17 and they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire and used divination and enchantments and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

18 Therefore, the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

19 But not even Judah kept the commandments of the LORD their God; to the contrary, they walked in the statutes of Israel which *they themselves* had made.

20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel and afflicted them and delivered them into the hand of spoilers until he had cast them out of his presence.

21 For he rent Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, king; and Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD and made them commit a great sin.

22 For the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them

23 until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his slaves the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

24 ¶ And the king of Assyria brought *Gentiles* from Babylon and from Cuthah and from Ava and from Hamath and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the sons of Israel; and they possessed Samaria and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there *that* they did not fear the LORD; therefore, the LORD sent lions against them, which slew *some* of them.

26 Therefore, they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The Gentiles, which thou hast removed and placed in the cities of Samaria, do not know the judgment of the God of that land; therefore, he has sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them because they do not know the judgment of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry there one of the priests whom ye brought from there; and let them go and dwell there and teach them the judgment of the God of the land.

28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29 However each nation made gods of their own and put *them* in the houses of the high places which those of Samaria had made, each nation in their city in which they dwelt.

30 And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

31 and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So they feared the LORD and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared the LORD and served their own gods after the manner of the gentiles whom they carried away from there.

34 Unto this day they do after the former manners; they do not fear the LORD, neither do they keep his statutes nor his ordinances nor the law and the commandments which the LORD commanded the sons of Jacob, whom he named Israel,

35 with whom the LORD had made a covenant and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor worship them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice

to them,

36 but only the LORD your God who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.

37 And the statutes and rights and the law and the commandments, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do every day; and ye shall not fear other gods.

38 And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods.

39 But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit they did not hearken; to the contrary they did after their former manner.

41 So these Gentiles feared the LORD and served their graven images, and likewise their sons and their grandsons; as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

2 Kings 18

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the third year of Hosea, son of Elah, king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah, the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign.

2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

3 And he did *that which* was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David, his father, did.

4 He removed the high places and broke the images and cut down the groves and broke in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days, the sons of Israel burned incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan. {Heb. a thing of brass}

5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that neither after him nor before was there any like him among all the kings of Judah.

6 For he cleaved unto the LORD *and* did not depart from following him, but kept his commandments which the LORD commanded Moses.

7 And the LORD was with him, *and* he prospered in all things in which he went forth; and he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

8 He smote the Philistines, *even* unto Gaza and the borders thereof, from the towers of the watchmen to the fenced city.

9 ¶ And in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hosea, son of Elah, king of Israel, Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, came up against Samaria and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years, they took it; *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that *is* the ninth year of Hosea, king of Israel, Samaria was taken.

11 And the king of Assyria carried away Israel unto Assyria and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan and in the cities of the Medes:

12 because they had not hearkened unto the voice of the LORD their God, but had broken his covenant *and* all that Moses, the slave of the LORD, commanded and would not hear *them* nor do *them*.

13 Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, came up against all the fenced cities of Judah and took them.

14 And Hezekiah, king of Judah, sent unto the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have sinned; return from me; that which thou puttest on me I will bear. Then the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah, king of Judah, three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasury of the king's house.

16 At that time Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD and *from* the hinges which Hezekiah, king of Judah, had overlaid and gave it to the king of Assyria.

17 ¶ And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in the highway of the washer's field.

18 And they called the king, and Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the household, and Shebna, the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the writer of chronicles went out to them.

19 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this in which thou dost trust?

20 Thou sayest (but *they are but* vain words), *I have* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled against me?

21 Now, behold, thou dost trust upon the staff of this bruised reed, *even* upon Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it; so is Pharaoh, king of Egypt unto all that trust in him.

22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is he not the one whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away and has said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give hostages unto my lord, the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou art able on thy part to set riders upon them.

24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's slaves, even though thou dost trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

25 Furthermore, Have I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land and destroy it.

26 Then said Eliakim, the son of Hilkiyah, and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy slaves in the Syrian language, for we understand *it*, and do not talk with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.

27 But Rabshakeh said unto them, Has my master sent me to thy master and to thee, to speak these words and not rather to the men who sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung and drink their own piss with you?

28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language and spoke, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

29 Thus hath the king said, Let not Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you out of my hand.

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

31 Do not hearken unto Hezekiah, for thus saith the king of Assyria, Give me a blessing and come out to me, and *then* each one of you shall eat of their own vine and of their own fig tree, and each one shall drink the waters of their own well,

32 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olives, of oil, and of honey, that ye may live, and not die. Do not hearken unto Hezekiah, for he deceives you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.

33 Peradventure have any of the gods of the Gentiles delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 Where *is* the god of Hamath and of Arpad? Where *is* the god of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and of Ivah? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

35 What god out of all the gods of the lands has delivered their land out of my hand that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

36 But the people remained silent and did not answer him a word, for the king had commanded, saying, Do not answer him.

37 Then Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the household, and Shebna, the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the writer of chronicles, came to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

2 Kings 19

1 ¶ And when King Hezekiah heard *it*, he rent his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah, the prophet, the son of Amoz,

3 to say unto him, Thus hath Hezekiah said, This day *is* a day of trouble and of rebuke and blasphemy, for the sons are come to the place of breaking forth, and she that gives birth has no strength.

4 Peradventure, the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria, his master, has sent to reproach the living God and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God has heard; therefore, lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that is left.

5 So the slaves of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus hath the LORD said, Do not be afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumour and shall return to his own land, and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 ¶ So Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.

9 And when he heard it said of Tirhakah, king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee; he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah, king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou dost trust deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

12 Peradventure have the gods of the Gentiles delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed, *as* Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the sons of Eden,

who *were* in Thelasar?

13 Where *is* the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it; and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, saying, O LORD God of Israel, who dwellest *above* the cherubim, thou alone art the God unto all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

16 Incline, O LORD, thy ear and hear; open, O LORD, thine eyes and see and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God.

17 Of a truth, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the Gentiles and their lands

18 and have cast their gods into the fire, for they *were* not gods, but the work of men's hands, wood or stone; therefore, they have destroyed them.

19 Now, therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save us now out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou alone *art* the LORD God.

20 ¶ Then Isaiah, the son of Amoz, sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus hath the LORD God of Israel said, *That* which thou hast prayed to me regarding Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

21 This *is* the word that the LORD has spoken concerning him: Has he despised thee? Has he laughed thee to scorn, O virgin daughter of Zion? He has moved his head behind thy back, O daughter of Jerusalem.

22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? And against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice and lifted up thine eyes on high? Against the Holy *One* of Israel.

23 By the hand of thy messengers, thou hast reproached the Lord and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof *and* the choice fir trees thereof; and I will enter into the habitation of his borders *and into* the forest of his Carmel.

24 I have dug and drunk the waters of others, and with the sole of my feet I have dried up all the rivers of defended places.

25 Hast thou never heard that from a long time *ago* I made her, *and* from ancient times I have formed her? Now I have made her come, and it shall be to lay waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

26 Therefore their inhabitants' hands were too short; dismayed and confounded, they shall be *as* the grass of the field and *as* the green herb, *as* the hay on the housetops, that is dried up before it comes to maturity.

27 But I know thy abode and thy going out and thy coming in and thy rage against me.

28 Because thou hast raged against me and thy tumult has come up into my ears, therefore, I will put my hook in thy nose and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou didst come.

29 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year such things as grow *again* of themselves; and in the third year ye shall sow and reap and plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.

30 And that which has escaped, that which is left of the house of Judah, shall yet again take root downward and bear fruit upward.

31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant and deliverance out of Mount Zion; the zeal of the LORD of the hosts shall do this.

32 Therefore, thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city nor shoot an arrow there nor come before it with shield nor cast a bank against it.

33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and he shall not enter into this city, saith the LORD.

34 For I will defend this city, to save it, for my own sake and for my slave David's sake.

35 ¶ And it came to pass that night that the angel of the LORD went out and smote in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand *men*; and when they arose early in the morning, behold, the corpses of the dead.

36 So Sennacherib, king of Assyria, departed and went and returned and dwelt at Nineveh.

37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch, his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, smote him with the sword and fled into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 20

1 ¶ In those days Hezekiah became sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, came to him and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thy house in order, for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then he turned his face to the wall and prayed unto the LORD, saying,

3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept with great weeping.

4 And before Isaiah had gone out into the middle of the court, the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

5 Turn again and tell Hezekiah, prince of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David, thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; behold, I will heal thee; on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years, and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my slave David's sake.

7 And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered.

8 And Hezekiah had said unto Isaiah, What *shall be* the sign that the LORD will heal me and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?

9 And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees or go back ten degrees?

10 And Hezekiah answered, It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees, but not for the shadow to return backward ten degrees.

11 Then Isaiah, the prophet, cried unto the LORD, and he caused the shadow to return by the degrees by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward.

12 ¶ At that time Berodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and presents unto Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had

been sick.

13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto them and showed them all the house of his precious things, the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious ointment and *all* the house of his weapons and all that was found in his treasury; there was nothing in his house nor in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.

14 Then Isaiah, the prophet, came unto King Hezekiah and said unto him, What did these men say, and where did they come from unto thee? And Hezekiah replied, They are come from a far country, *even* from Babylon.

15 And he said, What have they seen in thy house? And Hezekiah answered, All *the things* that *are* in my house they have seen; there is nothing among my treasury that I have not showed them.

16 Then Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD.

17 Behold, the days come that all that *is* in thy house and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day shall be carried into Babylon; nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, they shall take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 Then Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, The word of the LORD which thou hast spoken is good. And he said, For shall there not be peace and truth in my days?

20 The rest of the acts of Hezekiah and all his might and how he made a pool and a conduit and brought water into the city, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and Manasseh, his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 21

1 ¶ Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to reign and reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hephzibah.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the Gentiles, whom the LORD cast out before the sons of Israel.

3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah, his father, had destroyed, and he raised up altars for Baal and made a grove, as Ahab, king of Israel, had done; and he worshipped all the host of heaven and served those things.

4 Likewise, he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, In Jerusalem I will put my name.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he made his son pass through the fire and observed times and used enchantments and dealt with spiritists and diviners and multiplied much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *him* to anger.

7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD had said to David and to Solomon, his son, In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever;

8 neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers, only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them and according to all the law that my slave Moses commanded them.

9 But they did not hearken, and Manasseh caused them to err and to do more evil than did the Gentiles whom the LORD destroyed before the sons of Israel.

10 ¶ And the LORD spoke by his slaves, the prophets, saying,

11 Because Manasseh, king of Judah, has done these abominations *and* has done more evil than all that the Amorites did, who *were* before him and has also made Judah sin with his idols;

12 therefore, thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I *am* bringing *such* evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as *a man* wipes a dish, wiping *it* and turning *it* upside down.

14 And I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance and deliver them into the hand of their enemies, and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies

15 because they have done *that which* was evil in my sight and have provoked me to anger since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.

16 Moreover, Manasseh shed innocent blood very much until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another besides his sin with which he made Judah sin so that they would do *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD.

17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh and all that he did and his sin with which he sinned, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza; and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

19 ¶ Amon *was* twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh had done.

21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in and served the idols that his father had served and worshipped them;

22 and he forsook the LORD God of his fathers and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

23 And the slaves of Amon conspired against him and slew the king in his own house.

24 *Then* the people of the land slew all those that had conspired against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah, his son, king in his

stead.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

26 And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza, and Josiah, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 22

1 ¶ Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD and walked in all the way of David, his father, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 And in the year eighteen of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying,

4 Go up to Hilkiah, the high priest, that he may sum the silver which has been brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people;

5 and let them deliver it into the hands of those that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD; and let them give it to those that do the work in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house,

6 unto carpenters and builders and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house;

7 and there is to be no accounting required of those unto whom the money is delivered because they deal faithfully.

8 Then Hilkiah, the high priest, said unto Shaphan, the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 And Shaphan, the scribe, came to the king and brought the king word again and said, Thy slaves have gathered the money that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hand of those that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.

10 Likewise, Shaphan, the scribe, declared unto the king, saying, Hilkiah, the priest, has delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

11 ¶ And when the king heard the words of the book of the law, he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah, the priest, and Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Achbor, the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan, the scribe, and Asahiah, a slave of the king's, saying,

13 Go and enquire of the LORD for me and for the people and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found, for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14 So Hilkiah, the priest, and Ahikam and Achbor and Shaphan and Asahiah went unto Huldah, the prophetess, the wife of Shallum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe, who dwelt in Jerusalem in the house of doctrine; and they spoke with her.

15 And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place and upon its inhabitants, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read,

17 because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore, my wrath is kindled against this place and shall not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Judah who sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Because thou didst hear the words *of the book*,

19 and thy heart became tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD when thou didst hear what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become desolate and cursed, and hast rent thy clothes and wept before me; I also have heard *thee*, saith the LORD.

20 Behold, therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace, and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

2 Kings 23

1 ¶ And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets and all the people, from the smallest to the greatest; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD.

3 And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, that they would walk after the LORD and keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all *their* heart and all *their* soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in that book. And all the people confirmed the covenant.

4 ¶ And the king commanded Hilkiah, the high priest, and the priests of the second order and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that had been made for Baal and for the grove and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron and caused their dust to be carried unto Bethel.

5 And he put down the religious *persons* whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places round about Jerusalem; likewise, those that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the *graven image of the grove* from the house of the LORD outside Jerusalem unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron and stamped *it* small to powder and cast the powder of it upon the graves of the sons of the people.

7 He likewise broke down the houses of the male *cult* prostitutes that *were* by the house of the LORD where the women wove hangings for the grove.

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and broke down the high places of the gates that *were* in the entering in of

the gate of Joshua, the governor of the city, which *were* on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

9 Nevertheless, the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

10 And he defiled Tophet, which *is* in the valley of the sons of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathanmelech, the chamberlain who *was* in charge of the Parbar, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And the king cast down the altars that *were* on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD and made haste and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

13 Likewise, the king defiled the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon, the king of Israel, had built unto Ashtoreth, the abomination of the Zidonians, and unto Chemosh, the abomination of the Moabites, and unto Milcom, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.

14 And he broke the images in pieces and cut down the groves and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Likewise, the altar that *was* at Bethel *and* the high place which Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, had made: both that altar and the high place he broke down and burned the high place *and* stamped *it* small to powder and burned the grove.

16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that *were* there in the mount and sent and took the bones out of the sepulchres and burned *them* upon the altar and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who had proclaimed these words.

17 Then he said, What title *is* this that I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* the sepulchre of the man of God, who came from Judah and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bethel.

18 And he said, Let him alone; let no one move his bones. So his bones were saved along with the bones of the prophet that had come out of Samaria.

19 And all the houses also of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the LORD* to anger, Josiah took away and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel.

20 And he slew all the priests of the high places that *were* there upon the altars and burned men's bones upon them and returned to Jerusalem.

21 Then the king commanded all the people, saying, Make the passover unto the LORD your God, as *it is* written in the book of this covenant.

22 Such a passover had not been made since the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah.

23 In the year eighteen of King Josiah, this passover was made unto the LORD in Jerusalem.

24 In the same manner Josiah burned the spiritists, the diviners, the teraphim, the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might confirm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest had found in the house of the LORD.

25 ¶ There was no king before him that converted *like this* to the LORD with all his heart and all his soul and all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither did any like him arise after him.

26 Even with all this the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of his great wrath, with which his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked him to wrath.

27 And the LORD said, I must also remove Judah out of my sight as I have removed Israel, and I must reject this city Jerusalem which I had chosen and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

29 In his days Pharaohnechoh, king of Egypt, went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates; and King Josiah went against him; but as soon as he saw him, he slew him at Megiddo.

30 And his slaves carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo and brought him to Jerusalem and buried him in his own sepulchre. Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz, the son of Josiah, and anointed him and made him king in his father's stead.

31 ¶ Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

33 And Pharaohnechoh put him in bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, as he was reigning in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

34 Then Pharaohnechoh made Eliakim, the son of Josiah, king in the place of Josiah his father and changed his name to Jehoiakim and took Jehoahaz and carried him to Egypt, and he died there.

35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh, but he caused the land to be valued to give *this* money according to the commandment of Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of each one according to the estimation of *his worth*, to give *it* unto Pharaohnechoh.

36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

2 Kings 24

1 ¶ In his time Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came up, and Jehoiakim became his slave three years; then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him armies of the Chaldees and armies of the Syrians and armies of the Moabites and armies of the sons of Ammon and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke by his slaves the prophets.

3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD *this* came upon Judah, to remove *them* out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did

4 and also for the innocent blood that he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, which the LORD would not pardon.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin, his son, reigned in his stead.

7 And the king of Egypt never came out of his land again, for the king of Babylon had taken all that pertained to the king of Egypt from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates.

8 ¶ Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. His mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

10 At that time the slaves of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

11 Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, also came against the city *when* his slaves had besieged it.

12 So Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his slaves and his princes and his eunuchs; and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And he carried out of there all the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon, king of Israel, had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

14 And he carried away all Jerusalem and all the princes and all the mighty men of valour, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths; none remained except the poorest sort of the people of the land.

15 He likewise carried Jehoiachin away to Babylon and the king's mother and the king's wives and his officers, and the mighty of the land; he carried them all into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 All the men of might, *which were* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths *which were* one thousand, all *that were* strong *and* apt for war, the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, his father's brother, king in his stead and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 Zedekiah *was* twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For the anger of the LORD was against Jerusalem and Judah until he cast them out from his presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

2 Kings 25

1 ¶ And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came, he and all his host, against Jerusalem and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

3 And on the ninth of the month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 And the city was broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which is by the king's garden, with the Chaldees round about the city; and they went by the way of the plain.

5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho, after all his army had been scattered from him.

6 So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah, and they sentenced him.

7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes and put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him with fetters of brass and carried him to Babylon.

8 ¶ And in the fifth month, on the seventh of the month, which *was* the year nineteen of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a slave of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

9 And he burnt the house of the LORD and the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great *man's* house he burnt with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that *were with* the captain of the guard, broke down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

11 Now the rest of the people *that were* left in the city and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, carried away.

12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land *to be* vinedressers and husbandmen.

13 And the Chaldees broke in pieces the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD and the bases and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

14 They also took away the pots and the shovels and the snuffers and the spoons and all the vessels of brass, with which they ministered.

15 And the censers and the bowls *and* such things as *were* of gold *in* gold and of silver *in* silver the captain of the guard took away, also

16 the two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

17 The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it *was* brass; and the height of the chapter three cubits, and network and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass; and the second pillar *was* like *the first* with network.

18 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah, the chief priest, and Zephaniah, the second priest, and the three keepers of the door;

19 and out of the city he took a eunuch, that was set over the men of war, and five men of those that were in the king's presence, who were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land, with sixty men of the people of the land *that were* found in the city.

20 Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, took these and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

21 And the king of Babylon smote and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

22 ¶ And *as for* the people whom Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, left in the land of Judah, he made Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor over them.

23 And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, *even* Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah, the son of Tanhumeth, the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah, the son of Maachathi, they and their men.

24 Then Gedaliah swore to them and to their men and said unto them, Do not fear the slaves of the Chaldees; dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

25 But in the seventh month, Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama of the royal seed, came and ten men with him and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.

26 Then all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose and went to Egypt, for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

27 And it came to pass after thirty-seven years of the captivity of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh *day* of the month, *that* Evilmerodach, king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, out of the prison house;

28 and he spoke kindly to him and set his seat above the seats of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon.

29 And he changed his prison garments, and he ate bread continually before him all the days of his life.

30 And the king caused him to be given his food continually, each thing in its time, all the days of his life.

The First Book of the
Chronicles

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1 Chronicles 1

- 1 ¶ Adam, Seth, Enosh,
2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,
3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,
4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and
Tiras.
6 And the sons of Gomer: Ashchenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.
7 And the sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.
8 The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
9 And the sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raamah, and Sabtecha. And
the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.
10 And Cush begat Nimrod; he began to be mighty upon the earth.
11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,
12 Pathrusim and Casluhim of whom came the Philistines and the
Caphthorim.
13 And Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn and the Hitite,
14 the Jebusite, the Amorite, the Girgashite,
15 the Hivite, the Arkite, the Sinite,
16 the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.

18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.

19 And unto Eber were born two sons; the name of the one was Peleg because in his days the earth was divided, and his brother's name was Joktan.

20 And Joktan begat Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

22 Ebal, Abimael, Sheba,

23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan.

24 Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27 and Abram, who *is* Abraham.

28 ¶ The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael.

29 These *are* their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,

31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

32 Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she gave birth to Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan.

33 The sons of Midian: Ephah, Ephraim, Enoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these *are* the sons of Keturah.

34 And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel.

35 The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek.

37 The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

38 The sons of Seir: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.

39 The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam, and Timna *was* Lotan's sister.

40 The sons of Shobal: Alian, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah.

41 Dishon was the son of Anah. The sons of Dishon: Amram, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

42 The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zavan, and Jakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

43 Now these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before *any* king reigned over the sons of Israel. Bela, the son of Beor, and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.

44 And when Bela was dead, Jobab, the son of Zerah of Bozrah, reigned in his stead.

45 And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead.

46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad, the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead; and the name of his city *was* Avith.

47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

48 And when Samlah was dead, Saul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

49 And when Saul was dead, Baalhanan, the son of Achbor, reigned in his stead.

50 And when Baalhanan was dead, Hadad reigned in his stead. The name of his city *was* Pai, and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

51 When Hadad was dead, the dukes came forth in Edom: Duke Timnah, Duke Aliah, Duke Jetheth,

52 Duke Aholibamah, Duke Elah, Duke Pinon,

53 Duke Kenaz, Duke Teman, Duke Mibzar,

54 Duke Magdiel, Duke Iram. These *were* the dukes of Edom.

1 Chronicles 2

1 ¶ These *are* the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,

2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, and Shelah. These three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua, the Canaanitess. And Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD, and he slew him.

4 And Tamar, his daughter-in-law, gave birth unto him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah *were* five.

5 The sons of Pharez: Hezron and Hamul.

6 And the sons of Zerah: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara, five of them in all.

7 And the sons of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the anathema.

8 Azariah was the son of Ethan.

9 The sons that were born unto Hezron: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai.

10 And Ram begat Amminadab, and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the sons of Judah;

11 And Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,

12 And Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse,

13 And Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second and Shimma the third,

14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh,

16 whose sisters *were* Zeruiah, and Abigail. The sons of Zeruiah *were* three: Abishai, Joab, and Asahel.

17 And Abigail gave birth to Amasa, whose father was Jether the Ishmeelite.

18 ¶ And Caleb, the son of Hezron, begat Jerioth of Azubah, *his* wife. And her sons were Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon.

19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took Ephrath as wife, who gave birth to Hur unto him.

20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.

21 And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir, the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old, and she gave birth to Segub unto him.

22 And Segub begat Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.

23 And Geshur and Aram took the cities of Jair from them, with Kenath and its towns, *even* sixty cities. All these *were* of the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

24 And after Hezron was dead in Calebephratah, then Abiah, Hezron's wife, gave birth to Ashur unto him, the father of Tekoa.

25 And the sons of Jerahmeel, the firstborn of Hezron, were Ram, the firstborn, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, *and* Ahijah.

26 Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name was Atarah; she *was* the mother of Onam.

27 And the sons of Ram, the firstborn of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

28 And the sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. The sons of Shammai, Nadab, and Abishur.

29 And the name of the wife of Abishur *was* Abihail, and she gave birth to Ahban and Molid unto him.

30 And the sons of Nadab: Seled and Appaim. But Seled died without children.

31 And Ishi was the son of Appaim. And Sheshan, the son of Ishi; and the son of Sheshan, Ahlai.

32 And the sons of Jada, the brother of Shammai: Jether and Jonathan; and Jether died without children.

33 And the sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a slave, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Jarha.

35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha, his slave, to wife; and she bore him Attai.

36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabad,

37 and Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed,
38 and Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah,
39 and Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah,
40 and Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum,
41 and Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama.
42 Now the sons of Caleb, the brother of Jerahmeel, *were* Mesha, his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph, and of his *other* sons, Mareshah, the father of Hebron.
43 And the sons of Hebron: Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.
44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam; and Rekem begat Shammai.
45 And the son of Shammai *was* Maon, and Maon *was* the father of Bethzur.
46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, gave birth to Haran, Moza, and Gazez unto him, and Haran begat Gazez.
47 And the sons of Jahdai: Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.
48 Maachah, Caleb's concubine, gave birth to Sheber and Tirhanah unto him.
49 She also gave birth to Shaaph, the father of Madmannah, Sheva, the father of Machbenah and father of Gibeon. And Achsah *was* the daughter of Caleb.
50 These were the sons of Caleb, the son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrath: Shobal, the father of Kirjathjearim,
51 Salma, the father of Bethlehem, Hareph, the father of Bethgader.
52 And the sons of Shobal, the father of Kirjathjearim, who was *lord* of half of Manaheth.
53 And the families of Kirjathjearim: the Ithrites and the Puhites and the Shumathites and the Mishraites; of them came the Zareathites and the Eshtaulites.
54 The sons of Salma: Bethlehem and the Netophathites, the crowns of the house of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites.
55 And the families of the scribes who dwelt at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, *and* Suchathites. These *are* the Kenites that came of Hemath,

the father of the house of Rechab.

1 Chronicles 3

1 ¶ Now these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon of Ahinoam, the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel of Abigail of Carmel;

2 the third, Absalom, the son of Maachah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah, the son of Haggith;

3 the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife.

4 *These* six were born unto him in Hebron, and there he reigned seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.

5 And these were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, four of Bathshua, the daughter of Ammiel:

6 And *another* nine: Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet,

7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

9 *These were* all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar *was* their sister.

10 ¶ And Solomon's son *was* Rehoboam, Abia, his son; Asa, his son; Jehoshaphat, his son;

11 Joram, his son; Ahaziah, his son; Joash, his son;

12 Amaziah, his son; Azariah, his son; Jotham, his son;

13 Ahaz, his son; Hezekiah, his son; Manasseh, his son;

14 Amon, his son; Josiah, his son.

15 And the sons of Josiah: the firstborn, Johanan; the second, Jehoiakim; the third, Zedekiah; the fourth, Shallum.

16 The sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah, his son; Zedekiah his son.

17 And the sons of Jeconiah: Assir, Salathiel, his son,

18 Malchiram also, Pedaiah, Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19 And the sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei. And the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, Hananiah, and Shelomith, their sister.

20 And *of Meshullam*: Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushabhesed, five in all.

21 The sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah and Jesaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.

22 And the son of Shechaniah: Shemaiah, and the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, Igeal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

23 And the sons of Neariah: Elioenai, Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the sons of Elioenai: Hodaiah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

1 Chronicles 4

- 1 ¶ The sons of Judah: Pharez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.
- 2 And Reaiah, the son of Shobal, begat Jahath, and Jahath begat Ahumai and Lahad. These *are* the families of the Zorathites.
- 3 And these *were of* the father of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash, and the name of their sister *was* Hazelelponi.
- 4 And Penuel, the father of Gedor, and Ezer, the father of Hushah. These *were* the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephratah, the father of Bethlehem.
- 5 And Ashur, the father of Tekoa, had two wives, Helah and Naarah.
- 6 And Naarah gave birth to Ahuzam, Hepher, Temeni, and Haahashtari unto him. These *were* the sons of Naarah.
- 7 And the sons of Helah: Zereth, Jezoar, and Ethnan.
- 8 And Coz begat Anub and Zobebah and the family of Aharhel, the son of Harum.
- 9 And Jabez was more honoured than his brethren, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I gave birth to him with sorrow.
- 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou would bless me indeed and enlarge my border and that thy hand might be with me and that thou would deliver *me* from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.
- 11 ¶ And Chelub, the brother of Shuah, begat Mehir, who *was* the father of Eshton.
- 12 And Eshton begat Bethrapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah, the father of Irnash. These *are* the men of Rechah.
- 13 The sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah. The sons of Othniel: Hathath
- 14 and Meonothai, who begat Ophrah. And Seraiah begat Joab, the father of the inhabitants of the valley of Charashim, for they were craftsmen.
- 15 The sons of Caleb, the son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam; and Kenaz was the son of Elah.
- 16 The sons of Jehaleleel: Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel.

17 And the sons of Ezra: Jether, Mered, Ephraim, and Jalon; and also begat Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah, the father of Eshtemoa.

18 And his wife Jehudijah gave birth unto him Jered, the father of Gedor, and Heber, the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel, the father of Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah, the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took.

19 And the sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, *were* the father of Keilah, the Garmite, and Eshtemoa, the Maachathite.

20 And the sons of Shimon: Amnon, Rinnah, Benhanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi: Zoheth and Benzoheth.

21 The sons of Shelah, the son of Judah: Er, the father of Lecah, and Laadah, the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of those that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea,

22 and Jokim and the men of Chozeba, and Joash and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubilehem. And *these are* ancient words.

23 These *were* the potters and those that dwelt among plants and hedges, who dwelt there with the king for his work.

24 ¶ The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Saul;

25 also Shallum, his son, Mibsam, his son, and Mishma, his son.

26 The sons of Mishma: Hamuel, his son, Zacchur, his son, Shimei his son.

27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters, but his brethren did not have many children, neither did all their family multiply, like the sons of Judah.

28 And they dwelt at Beersheba and Moladah and Hazarshual

29 and at Bilhah and at Ezem and at Tolad

30 and at Bethuel and at Hormah and at Ziklag

31 and at Bethmarcaboth and Hazarsusim and at Bethbirei and at Shaaraim. These *were* their cities until the reign of David.

32 And their villages *were* Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan, five cities;

33 and all their villages that *were* round about the same cities, unto Baal. These *were* their habitations and their genealogy.

34 And Meshobab and Jamlech and Joshah, the son of Amaziah,

35 and Joel and Jehu, the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

36 and Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,

37 and Ziza, the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah.

38 These mentioned by *their* names *were* princes in their families, and they were multiplied greatly in the house of their fathers.

39 And they came unto the entrance of Gedor, *even* unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land *was* wide and spacious and quiet and peaceable, for *the sons* of Ham had dwelt there of old.

41 And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah, king of Judah and smote their tents and the habitations that were found there and destroyed them utterly unto this day and dwelt in their place because *there was* pasture there for their flocks.

42 And likewise five hundred men of them, of the sons of Simeon, went to Mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah and Neariah and Rephaiah and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

43 And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped and dwelt there unto this day.

1 Chronicles 5

1 ¶ Now the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel, (for he *was* the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel; and he was not counted as the firstborn.

2 For Judah prevailed above his brethren and was their prince, but the birthright *was* Joseph's:)

3 The sons, *therefore*, of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel, were Enoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

4 The sons of Joel: Shemaiah, his son, Gog, his son, Shimei, his son,

5 Micah, his son, Reaia, his son, Baal, his son,

6 Beerah, his son, whom Tilgathpilneser, king of Assyria, carried away *captive*. He *was* prince of the Reubenites.

7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned, had as princes, Jeiel and Zechariah.

8 And Bela, the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, dwelt in Aroer, even until Nebo and Baalmeon.

9 And eastward he inhabited unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates, because their livestock were multiplied in the land of Gilead.

10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, {Ishmaelites} who fell by their hand, and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the east *land* of Gilead.

11 And the sons of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan unto Salchah.

12 Joel, the chief, and Shapham, second, and Jaanai and Shaphat in Bashan.

13 And their brethren of the house of their fathers *were* Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jachan, Zia, and Heber, seven.

14 These *were* the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz.

15 Also Ahi, the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, was the prince of the house of their fathers.

16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan and in her towns and in all the suburbs of Sharon, upon their goings forth.

17 All these were reckoned by their generations in the days of Jotham, king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, king of Israel.

18 ¶ The sons of Reuben and of Gad and half the tribe of Manasseh, valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword and to shoot with bow and skillful in war *were* forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty, that went out to the war.

19 And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur and Nephish and Nodab.

20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand and all that *were* with them, for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of them because they put their trust in him.

21 And they took away their livestock; fifty thousand camels and two hundred and fifty thousand sheep and two thousand asses and one hundred thousand persons.

22 For there fell down many slain because the war *was* of God. And they dwelt in their steads until the captivity.

23 And the sons of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land; they increased from Bashan unto Baalhermon and Senir and unto Mount Hermon.

24 And these *were* the heads of the houses of their fathers: Ephraim, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, famous men, *and* heads of the houses of their fathers.

25 But they rebelled against the God of their fathers and fornicated after the gods of the people of the land, whom God had destroyed before them.

26 And for this the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul, king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgathpilneser, king of Assyria, and he carried away the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh and brought them unto Halah and Habor and Hara and to the River Gozan, unto this day.

1 Chronicles 6

- 1 ¶ The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
- 2 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
- 3 The sons of Amram: Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
- 4 Eleazar begat Phinehas, and Phinehas begat Abishua,
- 5 and Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi,
- 6 and Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth,
- 7 and Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,
- 8 and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz,
- 9 and Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan,
- 10 and Johanan begat Azariah, who had the priesthood in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem,
- 11 and Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,
- 12 and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum,
- 13 and Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah,
- 14 and Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak,
- 15 and Jehozadak went *into captivity*, when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.
- 16 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
- 17 And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei.
- 18 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
- 19 The sons of Merari: Mahli, Mushi. These *are* the families of the Levites according to their fathers.
- 20 Of Gershon: Libni, his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,
- 21 Joah, his son, Iddo, his son, Zerah, his son, Jeaterai, his son.
- 22 The sons of Kohath: Amminadab, his son, Korah, his son, Assir, his son,
- 23 Elkanah, his son, and Ebiasaph, his son, and Assir, his son,
- 24 Tahath, his son, Uriel, his son, Uziah, his son, and Saul, his son.
- 25 The sons of Elkanah: Amasai, Ahimoth, and Elkanah.

26 The sons of Elkanah: Zophai, his son, and Nahath, his son,
27 Eliab, his son, Jeroham, his son, Elkanah, his son.
28 The sons of Samuel: the firstborn Vashni and Abiah.
29 The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni, his son, Shimei, his son, Uzza, his son,
30 Shimea, his son, Haggiah, his son, Asaiah, his son.
31 ¶ And these *are they* whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after the ark had rest.
32 And they served before the tent of the tabernacle of the testimony with singing until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, and *then* they remained in their ministry according to their right.
33 And these *are* those that remained with their sons. Of the sons of the Kohath: Heman, a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel,
34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,
35 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,
36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,
37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,
38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.
39 And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, *even* Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea,
40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah,
41 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,
42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,
43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershon, the son of Levi.
44 And their brethren, the sons of Merari, *stood* on the left hand; Ethan, the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,
45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiyah,
46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer,
47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.
48 Their brethren, also the Levites, *were* given over unto all the ministry of the tabernacle of the house of God.

49 But Aaron and his sons made incense upon the altar of the burnt offering and on the altar of incense, in all the work of the holy of holies, and to make reconciliation for Israel, according to all that Moses, the slave of God, had commanded.

50 And these *are* the sons of Aaron: Eleazar, his son, Phinehas, his son, Abishua, his son,

51 Bukki, his son, Uzzi, his son, Zerahiah, his son,

52 Meraioth, his son, Amariah, his son, Ahitub, his son,

53 Zadok, his son, Ahimaaz, his son.

54 ¶ Now these *are* their dwelling places throughout their palaces in their borders, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites; for theirs was the lot,

55 that they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah and its suburbs round about it.

56 But the fields around the city and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge of Judah, *namely*, Hebron and Libnah with their suburbs, and Jattir and Eshtemoa, with their suburbs,

58 and Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs,

59 and Ashan with her suburbs, and Bethshemesh with her suburbs.

60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs and Alemeth with her suburbs and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families *were* thirteen cities.

61 And unto the sons of Kohath, *who were* left of that family, *they gave* ten cities of the half tribe of Manasseh, by lot.

62 And to the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Issachar and out of the tribe of Asher and out of the tribe of Naphtali and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

63 Unto the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben and out of the tribe of Gad and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

64 And the sons of Israel gave to the Levites *these* cities with their suburbs.

65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the sons of Judah and out of the tribe of the sons of Simeon and out of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by *their* names.

66 And *the residue* of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities with their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim.

67 And they gave unto them, *of* the cities of refuge, Shechem in Mount Ephraim with her suburbs; *they gave* also Gezer with her suburbs,

68 and Jokmeam with her suburbs and Bethhoron with her suburbs,

69 and Aijalon with her suburbs and Gathrimmon with her suburbs.

70 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath.

71 Unto the sons of Gershon *were given* out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs and Ashtaroth with her suburbs;

72 and out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs,

73 and Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs;

74 and out of the tribe of Asher, Mashal with her suburbs and Abdon with her suburbs

75 and Hukok with her suburbs and Rehob with her suburbs.

76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs and Hammon with her suburbs and Kirjathaim with her suburbs.

77 Unto the rest of the sons of Merari *were given* out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs;

78 and on the other side of the Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, *were given them* out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs and Jahzah with her suburbs,

79 Kedemoth also with her suburbs and Mephaath with her suburbs;

80 and out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs and Mahanaim with her suburbs,

81 and Heshbon with her suburbs and Jazer with her suburbs.

1 Chronicles 7

1 ¶ The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four.

2 The sons of Tola: Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of the houses of their fathers. *Those* of Tola numbered by their families twenty-two thousand valiant men of might in the days of David.

3 The son of Uzzi *was* Izrahiah; and the sons of Izrahiah: Michael, Obadiah, Joel, Ishiah, all of them, five princes.

4 And with them, by their lineages, after the houses of their fathers, *were* bands of soldiers for war, thirty-six thousand *men*, for they had many wives and sons.

5 And their brethren among all the families of Issachar *were* valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies eighty-seven thousand.

6 *The sons* of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, and Jediael, three.

7 The sons of Bela: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri, five, heads of the houses of *their* fathers, mighty men of valour; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty-two thousand and thirty-four.

8 The sons of Becher: Zemira, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jerimoth, Abiah, Anathoth, and Alameth. All these *are* the sons of Becher.

9 And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the houses of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *was* twenty thousand two hundred.

10 The son of Jediael was Bilhan; and the sons of Bilhan: Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar.

11 All these *were* sons of Jediael, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, seventeen thousand two hundred *soldiers*, fit to go out for war *and* battle.

12 And Shuppim and Huppim were sons of Ir; *and* Hushim, the son of Aher.

13 The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

14 The sons of Manasseh: Ashriel, whom his concubine, the Aramitess, gave birth unto him; she also gave birth to Machir, the father of Gilead.

15 And Machir took wives of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name *was* Maachah, and the name of the second *was* Zelophehad. And Zelophehad had daughters.

16 And Maachah, the wife of Machir, gave birth to a son unto him, and she called his name Peresh, and the name of his brother *was* Sheresh, whose sons *were* Ulam and Rakem.

17 The son of Ulam *was* Bedan. These *were* the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

18 And his sister Hammoleketh gave birth to Ishod, Abiezer, and Mahalah.

19 And the sons of Shemida *were*, Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.

20 ¶ The sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, Bered, his son, Tahath his son, Eladah, his son, Tahath, his son,

21 Zabad, his son, Shuthelah, his son, Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath *that were* born in *that* land slew because they came down to take away their livestock.

22 And Ephraim, their father, mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.

23 And when he went in to his wife, she conceived and gave birth to a son, and he called his name Beriah, because he had been in affliction in his house.

24 (And his daughter *was* Sherah, who built Bethhoron, the lower and the upper, and Uzzensherah.)

25 And Rephah *was* his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan, his son,

26 Laadan, his son, Ammihud, his son, Elishama, his son,

27 Nun, his son, Joshua, his son.

28 And *their* inheritance and habitation *was* Bethel with its towns, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer with its towns; likewise Shechem and its towns unto Gaza and its towns,

29 and by the side of the sons of Manasseh, Bethshean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel.

30 The sons of Asher: Imnah, Isuah, Ishuai, Beriah, and Serah, their sister.

31 And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel, who *was* the father of Birzavith.

32 And Heber begat Japhlet, Shomer, Hotham, and Shua their sister.

33 The sons of Japhlet: Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These *were* the sons of Japhlet.

34 And the sons of Shamer: Ahi, Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

35 The sons of his brother Helem: Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.

36 The sons of Zophah: Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,

37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.

38 The sons of Jether: Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara.

39 And the sons of Ulla: Arah, Haniel, and Rezia.

40 All these *were* sons of Asher, heads of *their* father's houses, chosen, mighty men of valour, heads of princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of those that were apt for war *and* for battle *was* twenty-six thousand men.

1 Chronicles 8

- 1 ¶ Now Benjamin begat Bela, his firstborn, Ashbel, the second, and Aharah, the third,
2 Nohah, the fourth, and Rapha, the fifth.
3 And the sons of Bela were Addar, Gera, Abihud,
4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,
5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Hiram.
6 And these *are* the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of the fathers who inhabited Geba, and they were removed to Manahath,
7 That is, Naaman, Ahiah, and Gera; he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud.
8 And Shaharaim begat *sons* in the fields of Moab after he had sent away Hushim and Baara, his wives.
9 And he begat of Hodesh, his wife, Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcham,
10 Jeuz, Shachia, and Mirma. These *are* his sons, heads of the fathers.
11 And of Hushim he begat Abitub and Elpaal.
12 The sons of Elpaal: Eber, Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof.
13 Beriah *also* and Shema, who *were* heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath,
14 and Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth,
15 Zebadiah, Arad, Ader,
16 Michael, Ispah, and Joha, sons of Beriah,
17 and Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hezeki, Heber;
18 Ishmerai, Jezliah, and Jobab, sons of Elpaal.
19 And Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,
20 Elienai, Zilthai, Eliel,
21 Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimhi,
22 and Ishpan, Heber, Eliel,
23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,

24 Hananiah, Elam, Antothijah;
25 Iphedeiah, and Penuel, sons of Shashak,
26 and Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah;
27 and Jaresiah, Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham.
28 These *were* heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief *men* who dwelt in Jerusalem.
29 And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon; whose wife's name *was* Maachah,
30 and his firstborn son, Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,
31 Gedor, Ahio, and Zacher.
32 And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And these also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, next to them.
33 ¶ And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.
34 And the son of Jonathan *was* Meribbaal; and Meribbaal begat Micah.
35 The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz.
36 And Ahaz begat Jehoadah; and Jehoadah begat Alemeth and Azmaveth and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza,
37 and Moza begat Binea; Rapha *was* his son, Eleasah, his son, Azel, his son.
38 And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel.
39 And the sons of Eshek, his brother: Ulam, his firstborn, Jehush, the second, and Eliphelet, the third.
40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, expert archers who had many sons, and sons' sons, one hundred and fifty. All these *were* of the sons of Benjamin.

1 Chronicles 9

1 ¶ So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies, and behold, they *were* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, *who* were carried away to Babylon for their rebellion.

2 Now the first inhabitants that *dwelt* in their possessions in their cities were thus of Israel, as of the priests, Levites, and the Nethinims.

3 And in Jerusalem dwelt of the sons of Judah and of the sons of Benjamin and of the sons of Ephraim and Manasseh:

4 Uthai, the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the sons of Pharez, the son of Judah.

5 And of Shiloni: Asaiah the firstborn and his sons.

6 And of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.

7 And of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu, the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah;

8 and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham; and Elah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri; and Meshullam, the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibrijah;

9 and their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men *were* heads of the fathers in the houses of their fathers.

10 And of the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, and Jachin;

11 and Azariah, the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, prince of the house of God;

12 and Adaiah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah; and Maasiai, the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

13 and their brethren, heads of the houses of their fathers, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, mighty men of valour for the work of the ministry of the house of God.

14 ¶ And of the Levites: Shemaiah, the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah, the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;

16 and Obadiah, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and Berechiah, the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 And the porters: Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their brethren; Shallum *was* the head.

18 And until now in the companies of the sons of Levi these *have been* the porters in the king's gate towards the east.

19 And Shallum, the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren of the house of his father, the Korahites, *were* over the work of the ministry, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle; and their fathers, *being* over the camp of the LORD, *were* keepers of the entry.

20 And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, was the captain over them in time past, *and* the LORD *was* with him.

21 *And* Zechariah, the son of Meshelemiah, *was* porter of the door of the tabernacle of the testimony.

22 All these *which were* chosen to be porters in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve when they were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel, the seer, ordained in their set office.

23 So they and their sons *had* the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, *namely*, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.

24 Towards the four winds were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and Negev.

25 And their brethren, *who were* in their villages, came every seven days in their set times with them.

26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in *their* set office and were over the chambers and treasures of the house of God.

27 And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *was* upon them, and the opening thereof every morning *pertained* to them.

28 And *certain* of them had the charge of the vessels of ministry, that they should account for them when they were brought in and out.

29 *Some* of them also *were* appointed to oversee the vessels and all the instruments of the sanctuary and the fine flour and the wine and the oil and the frankincense and the spices.

30 And *some* of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices.

31 And Mattithiah, *one* of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum, the Korahite, had the set office over the things that were made in the pans.

32 And *other* of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, *were* over the showbread, to order *it* every sabbath.

33 And of these there were singers, princes of the fathers of the Levites, *who remained* in the chambers *free from other work*; for they were employed in *that* work day and night.

34 These heads of the fathers of the Levites *were* heads throughout their generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem.

35 ¶ And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name was Maachah;

36 and his firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,

37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, next to their brethren.

39 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

40 And the son of Jonathan *was* Meribbaal, and Meribbaal begat Micah.

41 And the sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, *and Ahaz*.

42 And Ahaz begat Jarah, and Jarah begat Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza,

43 and Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

44 And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan: these *were* the sons of Azel.

1 Chronicles 10

1 ¶ Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines and fell down slain in Mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul.

3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saul to his armourbearer, Draw thy sword and thrust me through with it lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not, for he was sore afraid. Then Saul took a sword and fell upon it.

5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on his sword and died.

6 So Saul died and his three sons and all his house died together.

7 And when all the men of Israel that *were* in the valley saw that, they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities and fled, and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to pass on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in Mount Gilboa.

9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head and his weapons and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols and to the people.

10 And they put his weapons in the house of their gods and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

11 And when all Jabeshgilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 all the valiant men arose and took away the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons and brought them to Jabesh and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh and fasted seven days.

13 So Saul died for his rebellion which he committed against the LORD, *even* against the word of the LORD, which he did not keep, and also for consulting a spiritist, to enquire *of her*

14 and not enquire of the LORD; therefore, he slew him and turned the kingdom unto David, the son of Jesse.

1 Chronicles 11

1 ¶ Then all Israel gathered themselves to David in Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh.

2 And moreover yesterday and the day before yesterday, when Saul was king, it was thou that led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD thy God hath said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel.

3 Therefore, all the elders of Israel came to the king in Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Samuel.

4 Then David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which *is* Jebus, for there the Jebusites *were*, the inhabitants of that land.

5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not enter here. Nevertheless, David took the fortress of Zion, which *is* the city of David.

6 And David said, Whoever smites the Jebusites first shall be head and prince. So Joab, the son of Zeruiah, went up first and was made the head.

7 And David dwelt in the fortress; therefore, they called it the city of David.

8 And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about, and Joab restored the rest of the city.

9 So David waxed greater and greater, for the LORD of the hosts *was* with him.

10 ¶ These also *are* the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to make him king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD.

11 And this *is* the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, of Hachmoni, the chief of the captains; he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain at one time and killed them.

12 And after him *was* Eleazar, the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who *was one* of the three mighties.

13 He *was* with David at Pasdammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where *there* was an inheritance of land full of

barley; and as the people fled from before the Philistines,

14 they set themselves in the midst of *that* portion and delivered it and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved *them* by a great salvation.

15 Now three of the thirty principal ones went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the camp of the Philistines was pitched in the valley of Rephaim.

16 And David *was* then in the fortress, and the Philistines' garrison *was* then at Bethlehem.

17 And David longed and said, Oh, that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that *is* at the gate!

18 And those three broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that *was* by the gate and took *it* and brought *it* to David; but David would not drink *of* it, but poured it out to the LORD,

19 and said, May God keep me from doing this thing. Shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? For with *the jeopardy of* their lives they brought it. Therefore, he would not drink it. These things did these three mightiest.

20 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, was chief of three, who had lifted up his spear against three hundred, whom he slew and had a name among the three.

21 Of the three, he obtained the most honour in this second *group of three*, for he was their prince; however, he did not attain to the *first* three.

22 Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of great acts, of Kabzeel; he slew two lions of Moab; he also went down and slew a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day.

23 And he slew an Egyptian, a man of *great* stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and slew him with his own spear.

24 These *things* did Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among the three mighties.

25 He was the most honoured among the thirty, but did not attain to the *first* three. And David placed him in his council.

26 Also the valiant men of the armies were Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan, the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,
27 Shammoth of Harori, Helez, the Pelonite,
28 Ira, the son of Ikkesh, the Tekoite, Abiezer, the Antothite,
29 Sibbecai, the Hushathite, Ilai, the Ahohite,
30 Maharai, the Netophathite, Heled, the son of Baanah, the Netophathite,
31 Ithai, the son of Ribai of Gibeah, *that pertained* to the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah, the Pirathonite,
32 Hurai of the Gaash river, Abiel, the Arbathite,
33 Azmaveth, the Baharumite, Eliahba, the Shaalbonite,
34 the sons of Hashem, the Gizonite, Jonathan, the son of Shage, the Hararite,
35 Ahiam, the son of Sacar, the Hararite, Eliphal, the son of Ur,
36 Hephher, the Mecherathite, Ahijah, the Pelonite,
37 Hezro, the Carmelite, Naarai, the son of Ezbai,
38 Joel, the brother of Nathan, Mibhar, the son of Haggeri,
39 Zelek, the Ammonite, Naharai, the Berothite, the armourbearer of Joab, the son of Zeruiah,
40 Ira, the Ithrite, Gareb, the Ithrite,
41 Uriah, the Hittite, Zabad, the son of Ahlai,
42 Adina, the son of Shiza, the Reubenite, head of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,
43 Hanan, the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat, the Mithnite,
44 Uzzia, the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel, the sons of Hothan, the Aroerite,
45 Jediahel, the son of Shimri, and Joha, his brother, the Tizite,
46 Eliel, the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah, the Moabite,
47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

1 Chronicles 12

1 ¶ Now these *are* those that came to David to Ziklag, while he was yet restrained because of Saul, the son of Kish; and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

2 *They were* armed with bows and could use both the right hand and the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, *even* of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.

3 The chief *was* Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah, the Gibeathite; and Jeziel and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah and Jehu, the Antothite,

4 and Ismaiah, the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and more than the thirty; and Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, Josabad, the Gederathite,

5 Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, Shephatiah, the Haruphite;

6 Elkanah, Jesiah, Azareel, Joezer, Jashobeam, the Korhites,

7 and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David in the fortress in the wilderness, men of might of war *fit* for the battle, put in order with shield and buckler, whose faces *were like* the faces of lions and *were* as swift as the roes upon the mountains;

9 Ezer, the chief, Obadiah, the second, Eliab, the third,

10 Mishmannah, the fourth, Jeremiah, the fifth,

11 Attai, the sixth, Eliel, the seventh,

12 Johanan, the eighth, Elzabad, the ninth,

13 Jeremiah, the tenth, Machbanai, the eleventh.

14 These *were* of the sons of Gad, captains of the host. One of the least *was* over one hundred men, and the greatest over a thousand.

15 These went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks, and they put to flight all *those* of the valleys to the east and to the west.

16 Likewise, *some* of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to David, to the fortress.

17 And David went out to meet them and answered and said unto them, If you are come peaceably unto me to help me, my heart shall be knit unto you; but if *you are come* to betray me to my enemies, seeing *there is* no violence in my hands, *let* the God of our fathers look *thereon* and rebuke it.

18 Then the spirit clothed himself in Amasai, *who was* chief of the thirty, *and he said*, For thee, O David, and with thee, thou son of Jesse. Peace, peace *be* unto thee, and peace *be* to thy helpers; for thy God helps thee. Then David received them and put them among the captains of the band.

19 And *some* of Manasseh passed over to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle, although they did not help them, for the cardinals of the Philistines, upon counsel, sent him away, saying, He will pass over to his master Saul with our heads.

20 As he went to Ziklag, there passed over to him of Manasseh, Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zilthai, heads of the thousands that *were* of Manasseh.

21 And they helped David with a band; for they *were* all mighty men of valour and were captains in the host.

22 For at *that* time help came every day to David until *it was* a great camp, like the camp of God.

23 ¶ And this *is* the number of the heads of those that were ready armed for war *and* came to David in Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD.

24 Of the sons of Judah that bore shield and spear, six thousand eight hundred, ready armed for war.

25 Of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand one hundred.

26 Of the sons of Levi four thousand six hundred.

27 Likewise Jehoiada, prince *of those of the lineage* of Aaron, and with him three thousand seven hundred;

28 and Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty-two captains.

29 Of the sons of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand; for in that time many of them had the charge of the house of Saul.

30 And of the sons of Ephraim twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the houses of their fathers.

31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were designated by name, to come and make David king.

32 And of the sons of Issachar, two hundred chief *men*, who had understanding of the times and were wise to know what Israel ought to do; and all their brethren followed their word.

33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all weapons of war, fifty thousand, who could keep rank; *they were* not of double heart.

34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains and with them with shield and spear thirty-seven thousand.

35 And of those of Dan expert in war twenty-eight thousand six hundred.

36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.

37 And of the other side of the Jordan, of those of Reuben and those of Gad and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, one hundred and twenty thousand.

38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel; and likewise, all the rest also of Israel *were* of one heart to make David king.

39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking, for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 And likewise, those that were near them, *even* unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses and on camels and on mules and on oxen, *and* food, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly; for *there was* joy in Israel.

1 Chronicles 13

1 ¶ And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds *and* with all the princes.

2 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If *it seems* good unto you and unto the LORD our God, let us send everywhere to call our brethren who have remained in all the lands of Israel and with them *also* the priests and Levites *who are* in their cities *and* suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us;

3 and let us bring again the ark of our God to us, for from the time of Saul we have not paid attention to it.

4 And all the congregation said to do so, for the thing seemed right in the eyes of all the people.

5 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjathjearim.

6 And David went up with all Israel to Baalah, *that is*, to Kirjathjearim, which is in Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God the LORD, who dwells *between* the cherubim, whose name is called *on it*.

7 And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and his brother drove the cart.

8 And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, with songs and with harps and with psalteries and with timbrels and with cymbals and with trumpets.

9 ¶ And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled.

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him because he had put his hand to the ark, and there he died before God.

11 And David was displeased because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza; therefore, that place is called Perezuzza to this day.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me?

13 So David did not bring the ark *home* to himself to the city of David but carried it into the house of Obedom, the Gittite.

14 And the ark of God remained with the household of Obededom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the household of Obededom and all that he had.

1 Chronicles 14

1 ¶ Now Hiram, king of Tyre, sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house.

2 And David, understanding that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel and had lifted up his kingdom above his people Israel,

3 took more wives at Jerusalem; and David begat more sons and daughters.

4 Now these *are* the names of *his* children which were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

5 Ibhar, Elishua, Elpalet,

6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

7 Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

8 ¶ And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard *of it* and went out against them.

9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

10 And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? Wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up, for I will deliver them into thy hands.

11 So they came up to Baalperazim, and David smote them there. Then David said, God has broken in upon my enemies by my hand like the breaking forth of waters. Therefore, they called the name of that place Baalperazim.

12 And they left their gods there, and David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

14 Therefore, David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Do not go up after them; go around them to come upon them over against the mulberry trees;

15 and it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, *that* then thou shalt go out to battle; for God shall go forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

16 David, therefore, did as God commanded him, and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

17 And the fame of David went out into all those lands, and the LORD put the fear of him upon all the Gentiles.

1 Chronicles 15

1 ¶ And *David* made houses for himself in the city of David and prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it.

2 Then David said, The ark of God should not be brought except by the Levites, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister unto him perpetually.

3 And David gathered all Israel together in Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the LORD unto its place, which he had prepared for it.

4 And David assembled the sons of Aaron and the Levites:

5 of the sons of Kohath: Uriel, the chief, and his brethren, one hundred and twenty;

6 of the sons of Merari: Asaiah, the chief and his brethren, two hundred and twenty;

7 of the sons of Gershon: Joel, the chief, and his brethren one hundred and thirty;

8 of the sons of Elizaphan: Shemaiah, the chief, and his brethren, two hundred;

9 of the sons of Hebron: Eliel, the chief and his brethren, eighty;

10 of the sons of Uzziel: Amminadab, the chief, and his brethren, one hundred and twelve.

11 And David also called for Zadok and Abiathar, the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab

12 and said unto them, Ye *are* the chief of the fathers among the Levites; sanctify yourselves and your brethren and bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto *the place* that I have prepared for it,

13 for because ye did not *do it thus* at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us because we did not seek him according to his ordinance.

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the sons of the Levites bore the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

16 And David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint of their brethren as singers with instruments of music, with psalteries and harps and cymbals sounding, and to lift up their voice with joy.

17 So the Levites appointed Heman, the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph, the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari and of their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah,

18 and with them their brethren of the second order, Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obedom, and Jeiel, the porters.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, raised their voices with cymbals of brass;

20 and Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth.

21 And Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obedom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the Sheminith to excel.

22 And Chenaniah, prince of the Levites in prophecy, for he presided in prophecy, because he *had* understanding.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* doorkeepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah, Jehoshaphat, Nethaneel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew the trumpets before the ark of God; and Obedom and Jehiah *were also* doorkeepers for the ark.

25 ¶ So David and the elders of Israel and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obedom with joy.

26 And with God helping the Levites that bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, they sacrificed seven bullocks and seven rams.

27 And David *was* clothed with a robe of fine linen, and also all the Levites that bore the ark and the singers and Chenaniah, the prince of the prophecy of the singers. David also *had* upon him an ephod of linen.

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with sound of the shofar and with trumpets and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

29 And it came to pass, *as* the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw

King David dancing and playing, and she despised him in her heart.

1 Chronicles 16

1 ¶ So they brought the ark of God and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace *offerings* before God.

2 And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace *offerings*, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 And he dealt to all Israel, both men and women, to each one a loaf of bread and a good piece of flesh and a flagon *of wine*.

4 And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD and to record and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

5 Asaph, the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obededom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps, but Asaph resounded with cymbals;

6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel, the priests, with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 ¶ Then, on that day, David began to thank the LORD by the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, speak of all his wondrous works.

10 Glory in his holy name; let the heart of those that seek the LORD rejoice.

11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

12 Remember his marvellous works that he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth;

13 O, ye seed of Israel, his slave, ye sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

14 He *is* the LORD our God; his judgments *are* in all the earth.

15 Be mindful always of his covenant, the word *which* he commanded in a thousand generations,

16 the covenant which he cut with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;

17 which he confirmed unto Jacob by statute, *and* to Israel in everlasting covenant,

18 saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the cord of your inheritance,

19 when ye were but few in number, and strangers in it.

20 And they went from nation to nation and from *one* kingdom to another people.

21 He would allow no one to oppress them; he reproved kings for their sakes,

22 *saying*, Touch not my anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

23 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; show forth from day to day his saving health.

24 Declare his glory among the Gentiles; his marvellous works among all peoples.

25 For great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he also *is* to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods of the people *are* worthless, but the LORD made the heavens.

27 Glory and beauty *are* in his presence; strength and gladness *are* in his place.

28 Give unto the LORD, ye families of the peoples, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

29 Give unto the LORD the glory of his name; bring a present and come before him; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

30 Fear before him, all the earth; the world also is being made stable, that it be not moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let *men* say among the Gentiles, The LORD reigns.

32 Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof; let the fields rejoice, and all that *is* therein.

33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he comes to judge the earth.

34 O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good; for his mercy is eternal.

35 And say, Save us, O God our saving health, and gather us together and deliver us from the Gentiles, that we may give thanks to thy holy name *and*

glory in thy praise.

36 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from eternity unto eternity. And all the people said, Amen and praised the LORD.

37 ¶ So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD Asaph and his brethren to minister before the ark continually, each thing in its day;

38 and Obededom with their brethren, sixty-eight; Obededom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah *to be* porters.

39 And Zadok, the priest, and his brethren, the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that *was* at Gibeon,

40 to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening, according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel;

41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest that were chosen expressly by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy is eternal.

42 And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals to sound, and with *other* musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun *were* porters.

43 And all the people departed each one to his house; and David returned to bless his house.

1 Chronicles 17

1 ¶ Now it came to pass, as David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan, the prophet, Behold, I dwell in a house of cedars, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD under curtains.

2 Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that *is* in thy heart for God *is* with thee.

3 And it came to pass the same night that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 Go and tell David my slave, Thus hath the LORD said, Thou shalt not build me a house to dwell in,

5 for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another*.

6 Wherever I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me a house of cedars?

7 Now, therefore, thus shalt thou say unto my slave David, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, I took thee from the sheepfold, from following the sheep that thou should be ruler over my people Israel;

8 and I have been with thee wherever thou hast walked and have cut off all thy enemies from before thee and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that *are* in the earth.

9 Likewise I have ordained a place for my people Israel and have planted him that he dwell by himself and no longer be moved; neither shall the sons of iniquity waste them any more, as before,

10 since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel. I have humbled all thy enemies and announce unto thee that the LORD will build thee a house.

11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days are fulfilled to go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

12 He shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne eternally.

13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son; and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took *it* from *him* that was before thee;

14 but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom for ever, and his throne shall be established for evermore.

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

16 ¶ And David, the king, came and sat before the LORD and said, Who *am* I, O LORD God, and what *is* my house, that thou hast brought me here?

17 And *yet* this was a small thing in thy eyes, O God, for thou hast *also* spoken of thy slave's house for a great while to come and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

18 What more can David add asking thee to glorify thy slave? For thou knowest thy slave.

19 O LORD, for thy slave's sake and according to thy own heart, thou hast done all this greatness, in making known all thy great things.

20 O LORD, *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people Israel, whom God went to ransom *to be* his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out the Gentiles from before thy people, whom thou didst redeem out of Egypt?

22 For thy people Israel didst thou make thy own people for ever, and thou, LORD, didst become their God.

23 Therefore, now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy slave and concerning his house be established for ever and do as thou hast said.

24 Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, that it may be said, The LORD of the hosts, God of Israel, is God unto Israel; and *let* the house of David thy slave *be* established before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, hast told thy slave that thou wilt build him a house; therefore, thy slave has found *in his heart* to pray before thee.

26 And now, LORD, thou art God and hast promised this goodness unto thy slave;

27 now it has pleased thee to bless the house of thy slave, that it may be before thee for ever; for thou, O LORD, hast blessed it, and *it shall be* blessed for ever.

1 Chronicles 18

1 ¶ Now after this it came to pass that David smote the Philistines and subdued them and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab, and the Moabites became David's slaves, bringing him presents.

3 And David smote Hadarezer, king of Zobah in Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion unto the river Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; David also hamstrung all the chariot *horses*, but reserved those of one hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer, king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians twenty-two thousand men.

6 Then David put *garrisons* in Syria, the *Syria* of Damascus, and the Syrians became David's slaves, bringing him presents. For the LORD saved David wherever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that the slaves of Hadarezer carried and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Likewise from Tibhath and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, David took very much brass, with which Solomon made the brasen sea and the pillars and the vessels of brass.

9 ¶ Now when Tou, king of Hamath, heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer, king of Zobah,

10 he sent Hadoram, his son, to King David, to greet him and to bless him because he had fought against Hadarezer and smitten him, for Hadarezer had war with Tou. And he *sent him* all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass,

11 which King David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all *these* Gentiles, from Edom and from Moab and from the sons of Ammon and from the Philistines and from Amalek.

12 Moreover, Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, smote Edom in the valley of salt, eighteen thousand *men*.

13 And he put a garrison in Edom, and all the Edomites became David's slaves. Thus the LORD saved David wherever he went.

14 So David reigned over all Israel and executed judgment and righteousness among all his people.

15 And Joab, the son of Zeruiah, *was* over the host; and Jehoshaphat, the son of Ahilud, writer of the chronicles;

16 and Zadok, the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech, the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and Shavsha was scribe;

17 and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, *was* over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David *were* first, at the hand of the king.

1 Chronicles 19

1 ¶ Now it came to pass after this that Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon, died, and his son reigned in his stead.

2 And David said, I will show mercy unto Hanun, the son of Nahash, because his father showed mercy to me. And David sent ambassadors to comfort him concerning his father. So the slaves of David came into the land of the sons of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him.

3 But the princes of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun, Does it seem unto thee that David honours thy father, that he has sent comforters unto thee? Are not his slaves come unto thee to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?

4 Then Hanun took David's slaves and shaved them, and cut off their garments in half, exposing their buttocks and sent them away.

5 Then they left, and it was told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards are grown and *then* return.

6 ¶ And when the sons of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the sons of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire chariots and horsemen out of Syria of the rivers (*Mesopotamia*), and out of Syria of Maachah and out of Zobah.

7 So they hired thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people, who came and pitched camp before Medeba. And the sons of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities and came to battle.

8 And when David heard *of it*, he sent Joab and all the host of the mighty men.

9 And the sons of Ammon came out and put the battle in order before the gate of the city, and the kings that had come *were* by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Israel and put *them* in order against the Syrians.

11 And he put the rest of the people into the hand of Abishai, his brother, putting them in order against the sons of Ammon.

12 And he said, If the Syrians are too strong for me, then thou shalt save me; but if the sons of Ammon are too strong for thee, then I will save thee.

13 Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people and for the cities of our God; and let the LORD do *that which* is good in his sight.

14 So Joab and the people that *were* with him drew near before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him.

15 And when the sons of Ammon saw that the Syrians had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai, his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab returned to Jerusalem.

16 And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they sent ambassadors and drew forth the Syrians that *were* beyond the river, whose captain was Shophach, the prince of the host of Hadarezer.

17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel and passed over the Jordan and came upon them and ordered his host against them. And when David had put his troops in order against the Syrians, they fought with him.

18 But the Syrians fled before Israel, and David slew of the Syrians *those of* seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand footmen; likewise he killed Shophach, the captain of the host.

19 And when the slaves of Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with David and became his servants; neither would the Syrians help the sons of Ammon any more.

1 Chronicles 20

1 ¶ And it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out *to battle*, Joab led forth the power of the army and destroyed the country of the sons of Ammon and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah and destroyed it.

2 And David took the crown of their king from off his head and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head. And in addition to this he took exceeding much spoil out of the city.

3 And he brought out the people that *were* in it and dominated *them* with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the sons of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 ¶ And it came to pass after this that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite, slew Sippai, of the lineage of the giant; and they were subdued.

5 And there was war again with the Philistines, and Elhanan, the son of Jair, slew Lahmi, the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff *was* like a weaver's beam.

6 And yet again there was war at Gath, where *there was* a man of *great* stature, who had twenty-four fingers and toes, six *on each hand*, and six *on each foot*; and he also was the son of the giant.

7 But when he dishonoured Israel, Jonathan, the son of Shimea, David's brother slew him.

8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his slaves.

1 Chronicles 21

1 ¶ And Satan stood up against Israel and provoked David to number Israel.

2 And David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*.

3 And Joab answered, The LORD make his people a hundred times as many more as they *are*; but, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's slaves? Why then does my lord require this thing? Why will he be a cause of guiltiness unto Israel?

4 Nevertheless, the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore, Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came to Jerusalem.

5 And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And they found in all Israel eleven times one hundred thousand men that drew sword, and of Judah four hundred seventy thousand men that drew sword.

6 Among these the Levites and the sons of Benjamin were not counted, for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

7 ¶ And God was also displeased with this word; therefore, he smote Israel.

8 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly because I have done this thing; but now, I beseech thee, take away the iniquity of thy slave, for I have done very foolishly.

9 And the LORD spoke unto Gad, David's seer, saying,

10 Go and tell David, saying, Thus hath the LORD said, I offer thee three *things*: choose one of them that I will do unto thee.

11 So Gad came to David and said unto him, Thus hath the LORD said, Choose thee,

12 either three years' famine or three months to be destroyed before thy foes while the sword of thine enemies overtakes *thee* or else three days *of* the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

13 Then David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait; let me fall now into the hand of the LORD, for very great *are* his mercies, but do not let me fall into

the hand of man.

14 So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel; and seventy thousand men of Israel fell.

15 And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it; and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented of that evil and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thy hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan, the Jebusite.

16 And David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the heaven and the earth, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders *of Israel, who were* clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

17 And David said unto God, *Is it not I that* commanded the people to be numbered? Even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but *as for* these sheep, what have they done? Let thy hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be against me and against my father's house, but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

18 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD told Gad to tell David that David should go up and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

19 And David went up according to the word of Gad, which he had spoken unto him in the name of the LORD.

20 And Ornan turned back and saw the angel, and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David and went out of the threshingfloor and bowed himself to David with *his* face to the ground.

22 Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of *this* threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD; thou shalt grant it to me for the full price, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

23 And Ornan said unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which is* good in his eyes; I even give *thee* the oxen for burnt offerings and the threshing instruments for wood and the wheat for the present; I give it all.

24 And King David said to Ornan, No, but I will truly buy it for the full price, for I will not take *that which is* thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt

offerings without cost.

25 So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

26 And David built there an altar unto the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace *offerings* and called upon the LORD, and he answered him from the heavens by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.

27 And when the LORD spoke to the angel, he put up his sword again into its sheath.

28 At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshingfloor of Ornan, the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

29 For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering *were* at that season in the high place at Gibeon,

30 but David could not go before it to enquire of God, for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

1 Chronicles 22

1 ¶ Then David said, This *shall be* the house of the LORD God, and this *shall be* the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.

2 And David commanded to gather together the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel, and he made them masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God.

3 Likewise, David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings, and brass in abundance without weight,

4 also cedar trees in abundance, for the Zidonians and those of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

5 And David said, Solomon, my son, *is* yet young and tender, and the house *that is* to be built for the LORD *must be* magnificent par excellence, of fame and of glory throughout all lands; I will *therefore* now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 ¶ Then he called for Solomon, his son, and charged him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel.

7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my heart to build a house unto the name of the LORD my God;

8 but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly and hast made great wars; thou shalt not build a house unto my name because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about, for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.

10 He shall build a house for my name, and he shall be my son, and I *will be* his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

11 Now, my son, the LORD be with thee, and be thou prospered and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he has said of thee.

12 Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding and give thee commandments for Israel, and that thou keep the law of the LORD thy God.

13 Then shalt thou be prospered if thou shalt keep thyself to do the statutes and rights which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel; be

strong and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

14 Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD one hundred thousand talents of gold and a thousand thousand talents of silver, and the brass and iron are without weight, for it is in abundance. Likewise, I have prepared timber and stone, unto which thou shalt add.

15 Moreover *there are* workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber and all manner of expert men for every manner of work.

16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass and the iron, *there is* no number. Arise *therefore*, and go to work, and the LORD be with thee.

17 ¶ David, likewise, commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon, his son, *saying*,

18 *Is* not the LORD your God with you who has given you rest on every side? For he has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and before his people.

19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy vessels of God into the house that is to be built unto the name of the LORD.

1 Chronicles 23

1 ¶ So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon, his son, king over Israel.

2 And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, and the priests and the Levites,

3 were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward; and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty-eight thousand.

4 Of which, twenty-four thousand *were* to set forward the work of the house of the LORD, and six thousand *were* officers and judges;

5 moreover, four thousand *were* porters, and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which *David* had made to praise *therewith*.

6 And David divided them into courses according to the sons of Levi, *namely*, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 The sons of Gershon: Laadan and Shimei.

8 The sons of Laadan: Jehiel, the first, Zetham and Joel, three.

9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomith, Haziël, and Haran, three. These *were* the chief of the fathers of Laadan.

10 And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, Jeush, and Beriah. These four *were* the sons of Shimei.

11 And Jahath was the first, and Zizah the second, but Jeush and Beriah did not multiply *in many* sons; therefore, they were in one reckoning, according to *their* father's house.

12 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses. And Aaron was separated, that he should be dedicated to the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him and to bless in his name for ever.

14 And the sons of Moses, the man of God, were counted in the tribe of Levi.

15 The sons of Moses *were* Gershon and Eliezer.

16 Of the sons of Gershon, Shebuel *was* the chief.

17 And the son of Eliezer *was* Rehabiah, the chief. And Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.

18 The sons of Izhar: Shelomith, the chief.

19 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah, the first, Amariah, the second, Jahaziel, the third, and Jekameam, the fourth.

20 The sons of Uzziel: Michah, the first, and Jesiah, the second.

21 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish.

22 And Eleazar died and had no sons, but daughters and their brethren, the sons of Kish, took them *as wives*.

23 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

24 ¶ These *are* the sons of Levi after the houses of their fathers, *even* the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did work in the ministry of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward.

25 For David said, The LORD God of Israel has given rest unto his people, and he shall dwell in Jerusalem for ever.

26 And also unto the Levites, they shall no *longer* carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for its ministry.

27 For by the last words of David, the Levites *were* numbered from twenty years old and above.

28 And their station was at the hand of the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and in the work of the ministry of the house of God,

29 both for the showbread and for the fine flour for the sacrifice and for the unleavened cakes and for *that which is baked in* the pan and for that which is fried and for all manner of measure and size,

30 and to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise in the evening;

31 and to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in the sabbaths, in the new moons and solemnities, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD.

32 And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the testimony and the charge of the holy *place* and the charge of the sons of Aaron, their brethren, in the ministry of the house of the LORD.

1 Chronicles 24

1 ¶ The sons of Aaron also had their courses. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father and had no children; therefore, Eleazar and Ithamar had the priesthood.

3 And David distributed them, Zadok *being* of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their turns in their ministry.

4 And there were more men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar, and *thus* were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar, *there were* sixteen chief men of the houses of *their* fathers and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the houses of their fathers.

5 They divided them, therefore, by lot, one with another for of the sons of Eleazar and of the sons of Ithamar there were princes of the sanctuary and princes of God.

6 And Shemaiah, the scribe, the son of Nethaneel, *one* of the Levites, wrote them before the king and the princes and before Zadok, the priest, and Ahimelech, the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers of the priests and Levites; one paternal house being taken for Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar.

7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13 the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

15 the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses,

16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,

17 the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul,

18 the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.

19 These *were* their orderings in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their right, in the ministry of Aaron, their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

20 ¶ And of the sons of Levi that remained: Of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

21 Rehabiah; of the sons of Rehabiah, the chief *was* Isshiah.

22 Of the Izharite; Shelomoth; and the son of Shelomoth, Jahath.

23 And of the sons of Jeriah: Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24 The sons of Uzziel: Michah; and the son of Michah, Shamir.

25 The brother of Michah *was* Isshiah; and the son of Isshiah, Zechariah.

26 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi; the son of Jaaziah, Beno.

27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah: Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 Of Mahli *came* Eleazar, who had no sons.

29 Kish; the son of Kish, Jerahmeel.

30 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites according to the houses of their fathers.

31 These, likewise, cast lots over against their brethren, the sons of Aaron, in the presence of David, the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.

1 Chronicles 25

1 ¶ Moreover David and the captains of the host separated unto the ministry the sons of Asaph and of Heman and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals; and the number of men that were *suitable* for the work of their *respective* ministry was,

2 of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied at the hand of the king.

3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hand of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD.

4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamtiezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, *and* Mahazioth.

5 All these *were* the sons of Heman, the king's seer, in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

6 All these *were* under the direction of their father for song *in* the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the ministry of the house of God, under the hand of the king, of Asaph, of Jeduthun, and of Heman.

7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, *even* all that had understanding, was two hundred eighty-eight.

8 ¶ And they cast lots, ward against *ward*, the small as well as the great, the one with understanding as well as the disciple.

9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph; the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons *were* twelve;

10 the third to Zaccur, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;

11 the fourth to Izri, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;

12 the fifth to Nethaniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;

13 the sixth to Bukkiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;

14 the seventh to Jesharelah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;

15 the eighth to Jeshaiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;

16 the ninth to Mattaniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;

17 the tenth to Shimei, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
18 the eleventh to Azareel, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
19 the twelfth to Hashabiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
20 the thirteenth to Shubael, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
21 the fourteenth to Mattithiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
22 the fifteenth to Jeremoth, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
23 the sixteenth to Hananiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
24 the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
25 the eighteenth to Hanani, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
26 the nineteenth to Mallothi, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
27 the twentieth to Eliathah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
28 the twenty-first to Hothir, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
29 the twenty-second to Giddalti, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
30 the twenty-third to Mahazioth, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve;
31 the twenty-fourth to Romamtiezer, *he*, his sons, and his brethren *were* twelve.

1 Chronicles 26

- 1 ¶ Concerning the divisions of the porters, of the Korhites: Meshelemiah, the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.
- 2 The sons of Meshelemiah: Zechariah, the firstborn, Jediahel, the second, Zebadiah, the third, Jathniel, the fourth,
- 3 Elam, the fifth, Jehohanan, the sixth, Elioenai, the seventh.
- 4 The sons of Obededom: Shemaiah, the firstborn, Jehozabad, the second, Joah, the third, and Sacar, the fourth, Nethaneel, the fifth,
- 5 Ammiel, the sixth, Issachar, the seventh, Peulthai, the eighth; for God had blessed him.
- 6 Also unto Shemaiah, his son, were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their fathers, for they *were* mighty men of valour.
- 7 The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, Rephael, Obed, Elzabad, and their brethren, strong men; likewise, Elihu and Semachiah.
- 8 All these of the sons of Obededom; they and their sons and their brethren, valiant men strong for the ministry, *were* sixty-two, of Obededom.
- 9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, valiant men, eighteen.
- 10 Of Hosah, of the sons of Merari: Simri, the chief, (for *though* he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief)
- 11 Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah, the third, Zechariah, the fourth; all the sons and brethren of Hosah *were* thirteen.
- 12 Among these *were* the divisions of the porters, *even* among the chief men, *having* wards one against another *two by two*, to minister in the house of the LORD.
- 13 And they cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to the houses of their fathers, for each gate.
- 14 And the lot of the east fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah, his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out for the north.
- 15 To Obededom towards the Negev; and to his sons the house of consultation.
- 16 To Shuppim and Hosah to the west, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward.

17 To the east six Levites, to the north four by day, to the Negev four by day, and toward the house of the consultation two by two.

18 At the chamber of the vessels to the west, four in the way *and* two in the chamber.

19 These *are* the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore and among the sons of Merari.

20 ¶ And of the Levites, Ahijah *was* over the treasures of the house of God and over the treasures of the holy things.

21 *As concerning* the sons of Laadan; the sons of Gershon: of Laadan; chief fathers of Laadan *were* Gershon and Jehieli.

22 The sons of Jehieli: Zetham and Joel, his brother, *who were* over the treasures of the house of the LORD.

23 Of the Amramites, *and* the Izharites, the Hebronites, *and* the Uzzielites,

24 Shebuel, the son of Gershon, the son of Moses, *was* ruler of the treasures.

25 And his brother Eliezer, Rehabiah, his son, Jeshaiiah, his son, Joram, his son, Zichri, his son, and Shelomith, his son.

26 This Shelomith and his brethren *were* over all the treasures of the holy things, which David, the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the princes of the host had dedicated.

27 *That which* out of the spoils won in battles they had dedicated to maintain the house of the LORD.

28 Likewise, all that Samuel, the seer, and Saul, the son of Kish, and Abner, the son of Ner, and Joab, the son of Zeruiah, and all that anyone had dedicated; it was under the hand of Shelomith and of his brethren.

29 ¶ Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *were* governors and judges over Israel.

30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand seven hundred, presided over Israel on the other side of the Jordan westward in all the work of the LORD and in the service of the king.

31 Of the Hebronites *was* Jerijah, the chief among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead.

32 And his brethren, men of valour, *were* two thousand seven hundred chief fathers, whom King David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God and affairs of the king.

1 Chronicles 27

1 ¶ Now the sons of Israel after their number, who were chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, who came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, each course *was* of twenty-four thousand.

2 Over the first course for the first month *was* Jashobeam, the son of Zabdiel, and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

3 Of the sons of Perez *was* the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month.

4 And over the course of the second month *was* Dodai, an Ahohite, and in his course *was* prince Mikloth; in his course likewise *were* twenty-four thousand.

5 The third captain of the host for the third month *was* Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

6 This *is that* Benaiah, *who was* mighty *among* the thirty, and above the thirty; and in his course *was* Ammizabad, his son.

7 The fourth for the fourth month *was* Asahel, the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

8 The fifth for the fifth month *was* prince Shamhuth, the Izrahite; and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

9 The sixth for the sixth month *was* Ira, the son of Ikkesh of Tekoah; and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

10 The seventh for the seventh month *was* Helez, the Pelonite, of the sons of Ephraim; and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

11 The eighth for the eighth month *was* Sibbecai, the Hushathite, of Zarhi; and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

12 The ninth for the ninth month *was* Abiezer, the Anetothite, of the Benjamites; and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

13 The tenth for the tenth month *was* Maharai, the Netophathite of Zarhi; and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

14 The eleventh for the eleventh month was Benaiah, the Pirathonite, of the sons of Ephraim; and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

15 The twelfth for the twelfth month was Heldai, the Netophathite of Othniel; and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

16 ¶ Presiding, likewise, over the tribes of Israel: over the Reubenites *was* prince Eliezer, the son of Zichri; over the Simeonites, Shephatiah, the son of Maachah.

17 Over the Levites, Hashabiah, the son of Kemuel. Over the Aaronites, Zadok.

18 Over Judah, Elihu, *one* of the brethren of David. Over those of Issachar, Omri, the son of Michael.

19 Over those of Zebulun, Ishmaiah, the son of Obadiah. Over those of Naphtali, Jerimoth, the son of Azriel.

20 Over the sons of Ephraim, Hosea, the son of Azaziah. Over the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel, the son of Pedaiah.

21 Over the other half *tribe* of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo, the son of Zechariah. Over those of Benjamin, Jaasiel, the son of Abner.

22 And over Dan, Azareel, the son of Jeroham. These *were* the princes of the tribes of Israel.

23 But David did not number those twenty years old and under because the LORD had said he would multiply Israel like to the stars of the heavens.

24 Joab, the son of Zeruiah, had begun to number, but he did not finish; and because of this, wrath fell upon Israel; and *thus* the number was not put in the account of the chronicles of King David.

25 And Azmaveth, the son of Adiel, had charge of the king's treasures and of the treasures of the fields, of the cities, and of the villages, and of the castles, *was* Jehonathan, the son of Uzziah;

26 and over those that did the work of the tillage of the ground in the fields *was* Ezri the son of Chelub;

27 and over the vineyards *was* Shimei, the Ramathite; over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars *was* Zabdi, the Shiphmite;

28 and over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that *were* in the low plains *was* Baalhanan, the Gederite; and over the cellars of oil, Joash;

29 and over the cows that fed in Sharon was Shitrai, the Sharonite; and over the cows *that were* in the valleys was Shaphat, the son of Adlai;

30 over the camels, Obil, the Ishmaelite; and over the asses, Jehdeiah, the Meronothite;

31 and over the sheep was Jaziz, the Hagerite. All these *were* the princes of the substance which *was* King David's.

32 And Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counsellor, a wise man, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni had charge of the king's sons.

33 Ahithophel *was* the king's counsellor; and Hushai, the Archite, *was* the king's companion.

34 And after Ahithophel *was* Jehoiada, the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar. And Joab was the general of the king's army.

1 Chronicles 28

1 ¶ And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the princes of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the princes over the thousands, and princes over the hundreds, with the princes over all the substance and possession of the king, and his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

2 Then David, the king, stood up upon his feet and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me*, I *had* in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD and for the footstool of our God and had made ready for the building.

3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build a house for my name because thou *hast been* a man of war and hast shed blood.

4 However, the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever, for he has chosen Judah *to be* the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make *me* king over all Israel;

5 and of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) he has chosen Solomon, my son, to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

6 And he said unto me, Solomon, thy son, he shall build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him *to be* my son, and I will be his father.

7 Moreover, I will establish his kingdom for ever if he is constant to do my commandments and my judgments as at this day.

8 Now, therefore, in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God, that ye may possess this good land and leave *it* for an inheritance for your sons after you for ever.

9 And thou, Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing soul, for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. If thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

10 Take heed now, for the LORD has chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do *it*.

11 ¶ Then David gave to Solomon, his son, the pattern of the porch and of its houses and of its treasuries and of its upper chambers and of its inner parlours and of the place of the seat of reconciliation,

12 and the pattern of all that he had *received* by the Spirit of the courts of the house of the LORD and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God and of the treasuries of the holy things;

13 also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the ministry of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of ministry of the house of the LORD.

14 *He gave* gold by weight for that of gold, for all the vessels of each manner of service; *silver also* for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all the vessels of each service.

15 *Gold* by weight for the lampstands of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every lampstand, and for its lamps; and for the lampstands of silver by weight, *both* for the lampstand and *also* for its lamps, according to the service of each lampstand.

16 And by weight *he gave* gold for the tables of showbread, for each table; and, *likewise*, silver for the tables of silver.

17 Also pure gold for the fleshhooks and the bowls and the cups, and for the golden covers *he gave gold* by weight for every basin; and *likewise silver* by weight for every basin of silver;

18 and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubim, that spread out *their wings* and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

19 All *this*, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by *his* hand upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern.

20 And David said to Solomon, his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*; fear not, nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee; he will not leave thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work of the service of the house of the LORD.

21 Behold the courses of the priests and the Levites, in all the ministry of the house of God; *they shall be* with thee in all the work; all of them

voluntarily, with wisdom in all ministry; likewise, the princes and all the people to execute all thy commands.

1 Chronicles 29

1 ¶ Furthermore, David, the king, said unto all the congregation, Only Solomon, my son, has God chosen; he is young and tender, and the work is great, for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God.

2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God, gold for the things of gold, and silver for the things of silver, and brass for the things of brass, and iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, black stones and of different colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

3 Moreover, because I have my delight in the house of my God, I have in my own treasury, gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the house of the sanctuary:

4 three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses;

5 the gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of the workmen. And who *then* is willing to consecrate *the offering* of his hands today unto the LORD?

6 Then the princes of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the princes of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly

7 and gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents of gold and ten thousand daily wages and ten thousand talents of silver and eighteen thousand talents of brass and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

8 And each one gave the precious stones that they had to the treasure of the house of the LORD, into the hand of Jehiel, the Gershonite.

9 Then the people rejoiced to have offered willingly because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD. Likewise, David the king rejoiced with great joy

10 ¶ and blessed the LORD before all the congregation; and David said, Blessed *be* thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the honour, for all things in the heavens and in the earth *are*

thine; *thine is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 The riches and the glory are before thee, and thou dost reign over all, and in thy hand *is* power and might and in thy hand the greatness and the strength of all things.

13 Now, therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things *come* of thee and of thine own have we given thee.

15 For we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers; our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* no other hope.

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee a house for thy holy name *comes* of thy hand and *is* all thy own.

17 I know also, my God, that thou dost try the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now have I seen with joy that thy people, who are present here, have given willingly unto thee.

18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep for ever this purpose in the thoughts of the heart of thy people and prepare their heart unto thee.

19 Likewise, give unto Solomon, my son, a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace, for which I have made provision.

20 Then David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers and bowed down and worshipped before the LORD and the king.

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the next day, *even* a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

22 And they ate and drank before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon, the son of David, king the second time and anointed *him* unto the LORD as ruler and Zadok as priest.

23 ¶ Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David, his father, and was prospered; and all Israel heard him.

24 And all the princes and the mighty men and all the sons likewise of King David, submitted themselves unto Solomon, the king.

25 And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel and bestowed upon him *such* glory of the kingdom as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

26 Thus David, the son of Jesse, reigned over all Israel.

27 And the time that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three *years* in Jerusalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and glory; and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of David, the king, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Samuel, the seer, and in the book of Nathan, the prophet, and in the book of Gad, the seer,

30 with all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him and over Israel and over all the kingdoms of the lands.

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2 Chronicles 1

1 ¶ And Solomon, the son of David, was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God *was* with him and magnified him exceedingly.

2 Then Solomon spoke unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds and to the judges and to every prince in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.

3 So Solomon and all the congregation with him went to the high place that *was* at Gibeon, for there was the tabernacle of the testimony of God, which Moses the slave of the LORD had made in the wilderness.

4 But David had brought the ark of God up from Kirjathjearim to *the place which* David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

5 Moreover, the brasen altar that Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made *was* there before the tabernacle of the LORD; and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.

6 And Solomon went up there to the brasen altar before the LORD, which *was* at the tabernacle of the testimony, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.

7 And that night God appeared unto Solomon and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast showed great mercy unto David, my father, and hast placed me as king in his stead.

9 Now, O LORD God, let thy word unto David, my father, be established, for thou hast placed me as king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge that I may go out and come in before this people, for who can judge this thy people, *that is so great?*

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thy heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth or glory, nor the life of thy enemies, neither yet hast asked long life, but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou may judge my people, over whom I have placed thee as king,

12 wisdom and knowledge *is* granted unto thee; and I will also give thee riches and wealth and glory such as none of the kings have had that *have been* before thee, neither shall any after thee have the like.

13 ¶ Then Solomon returned to Jerusalem from the high place that *was* at Gibeon, from before the tabernacle of the testimony, and reigned over Israel.

14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen, and he had a thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.

15 And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as *plenteous* as stones, and he made cedar trees as the sycamore trees that *are* in the vale for abundance.

16 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn; the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

17 And they went up and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver and a horse for one hundred and fifty; and so they brought out *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites and for the kings of Syria, by their hands.

2 Chronicles 2

1 ¶ And Solomon determined to build a house for the name of the LORD and a house for his kingdom.

2 And Solomon counted seventy thousand men to bear burdens and eighty thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred to oversee them.

3 And Solomon sent to Hiram, the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David, my father, sending him cedars to build himself a house to dwell in, *even so deal with me.*

4 Behold, I must build a house unto the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate *it* to him *and* to burn aromatic incense before him and for the continual showbread and for the burnt offerings morning and evening on the sabbaths and on the new moons and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God, which is to be perpetual in Israel.

5 And the house which I must build *is* great, for great *is* our God above all gods.

6 But who is so powerful as to build him a house, seeing the heavens and heavens of the heavens cannot contain him? Who *am* I then that I should build him a house, except to burn incense before him?

7 Send me now, therefore, a wise man who knows how to work in gold and in silver and in brass and in iron and in purple and crimson and blue and that knows how to engrave figures with the craftsmen that *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David, my father, provided.

8 Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and pine trees, out of Lebanon, for I know that thy slaves are skillful at cutting timber in Lebanon, and, behold, my slaves *shall* be with thy slaves

9 to prepare me timber in abundance, for the house which I am about to build *shall be* great and wonderful.

10 And, behold, I will give to thy slaves, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat and twenty thousand measures of barley and twenty thousand baths of wine and twenty thousand baths of oil.

11 ¶ Then Hiram, the king of Tyre, answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD has loved his people, he has placed thee as

king over them.

12 Hiram said, moreover, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, that made the heavens and the earth, who has given to King David a wise son with knowledge, good sense and understanding, that he might build a house for the LORD and a house for his kingdom.

13 And now I have sent a wise man, with knowledge and understanding, of Hiram my father,

14 the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, in fine linen, and in crimson; also to engrave any manner of figure and to invent any design which shall be put to him, with thy craftsmen and with the craftsmen of my lord David, thy father.

15 Now, therefore, let my lord send unto his slaves the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine, which he has spoken of;

16 and we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need, and we will bring it to thee in rafts by sea to Joppa, and thou shalt cause it to be carried up to Jerusalem.

17 And Solomon numbered all the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel, after David, his father, had already numbered them; and one hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred were found.

18 And he set seventy thousand of them *to be* bearers of burdens and eighty thousand *to be* hewers in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred overseers to make the people work.

2 Chronicles 3

1 ¶ Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in the Mount Moriah which had been shown unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan, the Jebusite.

2 And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3 Now these *are the measurements on which* Solomon founded the building of the house of God. The first measurement was the length of sixty cubits and the breadth of twenty cubits.

4 And the porch that *was* in the front of the length was of twenty cubits, according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height *was* one hundred and twenty; and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

5 And the greater house he covered with fir wood, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains.

6 And he *also* covered the house with precious stones for beauty, and the gold *was* gold of Parvaim.

7 Thus did he cover the house, its beams, its posts, its walls, and its doors, with gold and engraved cherubim on the walls.

8 And he made the house of the holy of holies, its length was twenty cubits, according to the breadth of the house, and its breadth was twenty cubits, and he covered it with fine gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents.

9 And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10 ¶ And inside the house of the holy of holies he made two cherubim of figured work and overlaid them with gold.

11 And the wings of the cherubim *were* twenty cubits long; one wing *of the one cherub* was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing *was likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

12 And *one* wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing *was* five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the other cherub.

13 The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits, and they stood on their feet, and their faces *were* inward.

14 And he made the veil *of* blue and purple and crimson and fine linen and wrought cherubim thereon.

15 Also he made in front of the house two pillars of thirty-five cubits high, and the chapter that *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits.

16 And he made chains, *as* in the oracle, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars and made one hundred pomegranates and put *them* on the chains.

17 And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left, and called the name of the one on the right hand Jachin, {Heb. The LORD establishes} and the name of the one on the left Boaz. {Heb. Only in Him is there strength}

2 Chronicles 4

1 ¶ Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits long and twenty cubits wide and ten cubits high.

2 He also made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, entirely round and five cubits high; and a line of thirty cubits girded it round about.

3 And under it *were* figures of oxen, which did compass it round about, ten in each cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two orders of oxen *were* cast, when it was cast.

4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north and three looking toward the west and three looking toward the Negev and three looking toward the east; and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

5 And the thickness of it *was* a handbreadth and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies, *and* it received and held three thousand baths.

6 He also made ten lavers and put five on the right hand and five on the left, to wash in them; they cleansed the work of the burnt offering in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to wash in.

7 And he made ten lampstands of gold according to their form, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

8 He also made ten tables and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right hand and five on the left. And he made one hundred basins of gold.

9 Furthermore, he made the court of the priests and the great court and doors for the court and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

10 And he set the sea on the right side towards the east, over against the Negev.

11 ¶ And Hiram made the pots and the shovels and the basins. And Hiram finished the work, that he had been making for King Solomon for the house of God,

12 Two pillars and the pommels and the chapters, *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two networks to cover the two pommels of the chapters *which were* on the top of the pillars;

13 four hundred pomegranates on the two networks; two orders of pomegranates on each network, to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which *were* upon the pillars.

14 He also made the bases upon which he placed the lavers;

15 one sea, and twelve oxen under it;

16 and the pots and the shovels and the fleshhooks and all their vessels, did Hiram, his father, make to King Solomon for the house of the LORD of the purest brass.

17 In the plain of the Jordan did the king cast them, in clay of the ground, between Succoth and Zeredathah.

18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance, for the weight of the brass could not be found out.

19 And Solomon made all the vessels that *were for* the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables upon which the showbread *was set*;

20 likewise, the lampstands with their lamps, that they should burn according to the ordinance before the oracle, of pure gold;

21 and the flowers and the lamps and the tongs, *he made of* gold, of perfect gold;

22 also the snuffers and the basins and the spoons and the censers, *of* pure gold. *Regarding* the entry of the house, its inner doors for the most holy *place* and the doors of the house of the temple, *were of* gold.

2 Chronicles 5

1 ¶ Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished, and Solomon brought in *all* the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver and the gold and all the vessels, he put among the treasures of the house of God.

2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the families of the sons of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

3 Therefore, all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the solemnity which *was* in the seventh month.

4 And all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark.

5 And they brought up the ark and the tabernacle of the testimony and all the vessels of the sanctuary that *were* in the tabernacle; these did the priests *and* the Levites bring up.

6 Also King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubim.

8 For the cherubim spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its staves from above.

9 And they drew out the staves so that the ends of the staves of the ark could be seen before the oracle, but they could not be seen from outside. And they were there unto this day.

10 *There was* nothing in the ark except the two tables which Moses put *in it* at Horeb, with which the LORD had cut a covenant with the sons of Israel when they came out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And when the priests came out of the sanctuary (for all the priests *that were* present were sanctified *and* did not *then* wait by course,

12 and the Levite singers, all of those of Asaph, those of Heman, and those of Jeduthun, together with their sons and their brethren, *being* clothed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets).

13 And they sounded the trumpets and sang with one voice, all together as one *man* praising and thanking the LORD, when they lifted up *their* voice with trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, when they praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good, for his mercy *endures* for ever; and the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD,

14 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

2 Chronicles 6

1 ¶ Then Solomon said, The LORD has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

2 I, therefore, have built a house of habitation for thee and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

3 And the king turned his face and blessed the whole congregation of Israel, and all the congregation of Israel was standing.

4 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who has with his hand fulfilled *that* which he spoke with his mouth to my father David, saying,

5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there; neither did I choose any man to be a prince over my people Israel.

6 But I have chosen Jerusalem that my name might be there and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

7 Now it was in the heart of David, my father, to build a house unto the name of the LORD God of Israel.

8 But the LORD said to David, my father, Forasmuch as it was in thy heart to build a house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thy heart;

9 notwithstanding, thou shalt not build the house, but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build a house for my name.

10 The LORD, therefore, has performed his word that he has spoken, for I am risen up in the place of David, my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD had said, and have built the house unto the name of the LORD God of Israel.

11 And in it I have put the ark, in which *is* the covenant of the LORD that he made with the sons of Israel.

12 ¶ *Then* he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel and spread forth his hands.

13 For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold, five cubits long and five cubits wide and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and upon

it he stood and knelt down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel and spread forth his hands toward heaven

14 and said, O LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee in the heaven nor in the earth who keeps covenant and *shows* mercy unto thy slaves that walk before thee with all their hearts;

15 who hast kept unto thy slave David, my father, that which thou hast promised him; thou didst say it with thy mouth and hast fulfilled *it* with thy hand, as *it is* this day.

16 Now, therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy slave David, my father, that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel, under the condition that thy sons keep their way, walking in my law, as thou hast walked before me.

17 Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word stand firm, which thou hast spoken unto thy slave David.

18 Is it true that God is to dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee, how much less this house which I have built!

19 But thou shalt look upon the prayer of thy slave and upon his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer with which thy slave prays before thee

20 that thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there, to hearken unto the prayer which thy slave prays in this place.

21 Hearken, likewise, unto the supplications of thy slave and of thy people Israel when they shall pray in this place; hear thou from the heavens, from thy dwelling place, even hear and forgive.

22 If a man sins against his neighbour and an oath is laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath comes before thy altar in this house,

23 thou shalt hear from heaven and do right unto thy slaves, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head, and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

24 And if thy people Israel should fall before their enemies because they have sinned against thee and if they should convert and confess thy name and pray and make supplication before thee in this house,

25 thou shalt hear from the heavens and forgive the sin of thy people Israel and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

26 If the heavens should become shut up, that there be no rain because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray in this place and confess thy name and become converted from their sins when thou dost afflict them,

27 thou shalt hear *them* from heaven and forgive the sin of thy slaves and of thy people Israel, and thou shalt teach them the good way, that they may walk therein, and send rain upon thy land which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

28 If there should be famine in the land, or if there should be pestilence, if there should be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatever affliction or sickness there may be;

29 every prayer and every supplication made of any man, or of all thy people Israel or of anyone who knows his affliction and his grief in his heart, if they shall extend their hands towards this house,

30 thou shalt hear from the heavens, from the place of thy habitation, and forgive and render unto each one according to his ways, having known his heart (for thou only knowest the hearts of the sons of men),

31 that they may fear thee and walk in thy ways all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

32 And also unto the stranger, who is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake and thy mighty hand and thy stretched out arm, if they come and pray in this house,

33 thou shalt hear from the heavens, from the habitation of thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calls unto thee for, that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name and fear thee, as *do* thy people Israel, and let them know that thy name is invoked upon this house which I have built.

34 If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, toward the house which I have built for thy name,

35 thou shalt hear from the heavens their prayer and their supplication and do them judgment.

36 If they sin against thee (for *there is* no man who does not sin), and thou art angry with them and deliver them over before *their* enemies so that those that take them carry them away captives unto an enemy land far off or near,

37 and they come into their right mind in the land where they are carried captive, if they convert and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done iniquity and have dealt wickedly,

38 if they convert unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captives and pray toward their land, which thou didst give unto their fathers, and *toward* the city which thou hast chosen and toward the house which I have built unto thy name,

39 thou shalt hear from the heavens, from the dwelling place of thy habitation, their prayer and their supplications and do their judgment and forgive thy people who have sinned against thee.

40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open and *let* thine ears *be* attentive unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

41 Now, therefore, arise, O LORD God, to *inhabit* thy resting place, thou and the ark of thy strength; let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation and let thy merciful ones rejoice in goodness.

42 O LORD God, do not turn away the face of thy anointed one; remember the mercies of David, thy slave.

2 Chronicles 7

1 ¶ And when Solomon finished praying, the fire came down from the heavens and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.

3 And when all the sons of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they fell to the ground upon the pavement upon their faces and worshipped and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good, for his mercy endures for ever.

4 *Then* the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

5 And King Solomon offered in sacrifice twenty-two thousand oxen and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep; and so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests were upon their watches, and the Levites with the instruments of music of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy *endures* for ever, when David praised by their hand. Likewise, the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel was on their feet.

7 Solomon also sanctified the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD, for there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace *offerings* because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings and the present and the fat.

8 Then Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly, for they had made the dedication of the altar in seven days, and they had celebrated the solemn feast for seven days.

10 And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had showed unto David and to Solomon and to Israel his people.

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD and in

his own house was prospered.

12 ¶ And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and have chosen this place for myself for *a* house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up the heavens that there be no rain or if I command the locusts to devour the land or if I send pestilence among my people;

14 if my people, upon whom my name is invoked, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from the heavens and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

15 Now my eyes shall be open and my ears attentive unto the prayer *that is made* in this place;

16 so that now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be in her for ever; and my eyes and my heart *shall be* there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee and keep my statutes and my rights,

18 I will confirm the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David, thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man *to be* ruler in Israel.

19 But if ye turn away and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods and worship them,

20 I will pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, I will cast out of my presence, and will make it *to be* a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passes by it, so that they shall say, Why has the LORD done thus unto this land and unto this house?

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods and worshipped them and served them; therefore, he has brought all this evil upon them.

2 Chronicles 8

- 1 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the house of the LORD and his own house,
- 2 that Solomon rebuilt the cities which Hiram had given him and caused the sons of Israel to dwell there.
- 3 Then Solomon went to Hamathzobah and prevailed against it.
- 4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness and all the store cities, which he built in the wilderness.
- 5 Likewise, he rebuilt Bethhoron the upper and Bethhoron the lower, fenced cities with walls, gates, and bars;
- 6 and Baalath and all the store cities that Solomon had and all the chariot cities and the cities of the horsemen and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem and in Lebanon and throughout all the land of his dominion.
- 7 *As for* all the people *that were* left of the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which *were* not of Israel,
- 8 *but* of their sons, who were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel, did not consume, Solomon made them pay tribute until this day.
- 9 But of the sons of Israel Solomon did not make slaves for his work, for they *were* men of war, and his princes and his captains, and princes of his chariots and horsemen.
- 10 And King Solomon had two hundred and fifty princes of the governors, who presided over the people.
- 11 And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her, for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David, king of Israel, because *the places are* holy, unto which the ark of the LORD has come.
- 12 ¶ Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch,
- 13 that each thing might be offered in its day, according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths and on the new moons and on the feasts three times in the year, *that is* in the feast of unleavened bread and in the feast of weeks and in the feast of the tabernacles.

14 And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, each thing in its day; the porters also by their courses at each gate, for so had David, the man of God, commanded.

15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter or concerning the treasures.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared from the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected.

17 Then Solomon went to Eziongeber and to Eloth, at the sea side in the land of Edom.

18 For Hiram had sent him ships by the hands of his slaves and slaves that had knowledge of the sea, and they had gone with the slaves of Solomon to Ophir and had taken from there four hundred and fifty talents of gold and brought *them* to King Solomon.

2 Chronicles 9

1 ¶ And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with enigmas at Jerusalem, with a very great host and camels that bore spices and gold in abundance and precious stones. And when she was come to Solomon, she spoke with him of all that was in her heart.

2 But Solomon told her all her questions, and nothing remained that Solomon did not declare unto her.

3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon and the house that he had built

4 and the food of his table and the seat of his slaves and the attendance of his ministers and their apparel, his butlers also and their apparel, and his sacrifices which he sacrificed in the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

5 And she said to the king, *It was* a true report which I heard in my own land of thy word and of thy wisdom,

6 but I did not believe their words until I came, and my eyes had seen *it*, and, behold, not even the half of the greatness of thy wisdom was told me, *for* thou dost exceed the fame that I heard.

7 Blessed *are* thy men and blessed *are* these thy slaves, who stand continually before thee and hear thy wisdom.

8 The LORD thy God be blessed, who delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, *to be* king for the LORD thy God because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore, he made thee king over them, to do judgment and righteousness.

9 And she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold and of spices great abundance and precious stones; never *had there been* any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave King Solomon.

10 Also the slaves of Hiram and the slaves of Solomon, who had brought gold from Ophir, brought brazil wood and precious stones.

11 And the king made *of* the brazil wood stairs to the house of the LORD and to the king's palace and harps and psalteries for the singers, and such *wood* had never been seen before in the land of Judah.

12 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, more than what she had brought unto the king. Then she turned and went away to her own land with her slaves.

13 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,

14 besides *that which* the traders and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the land brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15 And King Solomon made two hundred bucklers *of* beaten gold; six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to each buckler.

16 And *he made* three hundred shields *of* beaten gold; three hundred *shekels* of gold went to each shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17 Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And *there were* six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the seat, and two lions standing by the stays.

19 There were also twelve lions standing on one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

20 And all the drinking vessels of King Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold. In the days of Solomon silver was not esteemed.

21 For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the slaves of Hiram, and every three years the ships came from Tarshish bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks.

22 And King Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

24 And of these, each his present, vessels of silver and vessels of gold and raiment, arms, spices, horses, and mules, every year.

25 And Solomon also had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

26 And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt.

27 And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as the sycamore trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance.

28 And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt and out of all lands.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, *are* they not written in the books of Nathan, the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah, the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo, the seer against Jeroboam, the son of Nebat?

30 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

31 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David, his father; and Rehoboam, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 10

1 ¶ And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come together in Shechem to make him king.

2 And when Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, heard *it*, who *was* in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of Solomon, the king, Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

3 And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous; now, therefore, ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

6 Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon, his father, while he yet lived, saying, What do you counsel to reply to this people?

7 And they spoke unto him, saying, If thou wilt seek the good of this people and please them and speak good words to them, they will be thy slaves for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.

9 And he said unto them, What do you counsel us to reply to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

10 Then the young men that were brought up with him spoke unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spoke unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make it somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* is thicker than my father's loins.

11 For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.

12 ¶ So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had commanded, saying, Come again to me on the third day.

13 And the king answered them roughly, *for* King Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men

14 and answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it; my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.

15 So the king did not hearken unto the people, for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spoke by the hand of Ahijah, the Shilonite, unto Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

16 And when all Israel *saw* that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David or inheritance in the son of Jesse? Every man to your tents, O Israel! Now, David, see to thine own house! So all Israel went to their tents.

17 But Rehoboam reigned over the sons of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah.

18 Then King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who *was* over the tribute and the sons of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. So King Rehoboam made speed to get into a chariot and fled to Jerusalem.

19 Thus Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

2 Chronicles 11

1 ¶ And when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin one hundred and eighty thousand chosen *men*, who were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, the man of God, saying,

3 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 Thus hath the LORD said, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren; return each man to his house; for this thing is done of me. And they heard the word of the LORD and returned and did not go against Jeroboam.

5 And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem and built cities for defence in Judah.

6 He built Bethlehem and Etam and Tekoa

7 and Bethzur and Shoco and Adullam

8 and Gath and Mareshah and Ziph

9 and Adoraim and Lachish and Azekah

10 and Zorah and Aijalon and Hebron which *are* in Judah and in Benjamin, fenced cities.

11 And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them and provisions and wine and oil;

12 and in all the cities *he put* shields and spears. He fortified them greatly, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

13 ¶ And the priests and the Levites that *were* in all Israel gathered unto him out of all their borders.

14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possessions and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD.

15 And he ordained himself priests for the high places and for the demons and for the calves which he had made.

16 And from after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem to sacrifice unto the

LORD God of their fathers.

17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah and made Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, strong for three years because they walked three years in the way of David and of Solomon.

18 And Rehoboam took Mahalath, the daughter of Jerimoth, the son of David, to wife, *and* Abihail, the daughter of Eliab, the son of Jesse;

19 who bore him sons: Jeush and Shamariah and Zaham.

20 And after her he took Maachah, the daughter of Absalom, who bore him Abijah and Attai and Ziza and Shelomith.

21 But Rehoboam loved Maachah, the daughter of Absalom, above all his wives and his concubines (for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines and begat twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.)

22 And Rehoboam made Abijah, the son of Maachah, as head and prince among his brethren, for *he thought* to make him king.

23 And he caused him to be instructed and dispersed of all his sons throughout all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city; and he gave them provisions in abundance. And he desired many wives.

2 Chronicles 12

1 ¶ And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had confirmed the kingdom and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.

2 And it came to pass *that* in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak, king of Egypt, came up against Jerusalem, because they had rebelled against the LORD,

3 with twelve hundred chariots and sixty thousand horsemen; and the people *were* without number that came with him out of Egypt: the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.

4 And he took the fenced cities which *pertained* to Judah and came to Jerusalem.

5 Then Shemaiah, the prophet, went to Rehoboam and *to* the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus hath the LORD said, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore, I have also left you in the hand of Shishak.

6 And the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD *is* righteous.

7 And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; *therefore*, I will not destroy them, but I will deliver them shortly; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

8 Nevertheless, they shall be his slaves that they may know what it is to serve me and to serve the kingdoms of the nations.

9 So Shishak, king of Egypt, came up against Jerusalem and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house; he took it all; he also carried away the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

10 And in their place King Rehoboam made shields of brass and committed *them* to the hands of the princes of the guard that kept the entrance of the king's house.

11 And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and brought them, and *afterward* they returned them again into the guard

chamber.

12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him that he would not destroy *him* altogether; and also in Judah things went well.

13 ¶ So King Rehoboam was strengthened and reigned in Jerusalem; and Rehoboam *was* forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah, an Ammonitess.

14 And he did evil because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD.

15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, *are* they not written in the book of Shemaiah, the prophet, and of Iddo, the seer concerning genealogies? And *there was* war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David, and Abijah, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 13

1 ¶ Now in the year eighteen of King Jeroboam, Abijah began to reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Michaiah, the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah set the battle in order with an army of valiant men of war, four hundred thousand chosen men; and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, *being* mighty men of valour.

4 And Abijah stood up upon Mount Zemaraim, which *is* in the mountains of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel;

5 do ye not know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, unto him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

6 Yet Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, the slave of Solomon the son of David, is risen up and has rebelled against his lord.

7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the sons of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David because ye *are* a great multitude, and ye have with you the golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

9 Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the peoples of *other* lands, so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, *the same* may become a priest of those that are not gods.

10 But as for us, the LORD *is* our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business;

11 and they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and aromatic incense, and they place the showbread upon the clean table, and the lampstand of gold with its lamps, to burn every evening; for we keep the charge of the LORD our God, but ye have forsaken him.

12 And, behold, God himself *is* with us for *our* captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O sons of Israel, do not fight against the LORD God of your fathers, for ye shall not prosper.

13 ¶ But Jeroboam caused an ambush to come about behind them; so they were before Judah, and the ambush *was* behind them.

14 So when Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind; and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout, and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the sons of Israel fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter; so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the sons of Israel were humbled at that time, and the sons of Judah prevailed because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam and took cities from him, Bethel with its towns and Jeshanah with its towns and Ephron with its towns.

20 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah; and the LORD struck him, and he died.

21 But Abijah waxed mighty and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah and his ways and his words *are* written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

2 Chronicles 14

1 ¶ So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land had rest ten years.

2 And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God,

3 for he took away the altars of the strange *gods* and the high places and broke down the images and cut down the groves

4 and commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and they fulfilled the law and the commandments.

5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images, and the kingdom had rest before him.

6 And he built fenced cities in Judah, for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years because the LORD had given him rest.

7 Therefore, he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities and make about *them* walls and towers, gates, and bars, now that the land *is* ours; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought *him*, and he has given us rest on every side. So they built and were prospered.

8 And Asa had an army *of men* that bore shields and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand and out of Benjamin, that bore shields and drew bows, two hundred and eighty thousand; all these *were* mighty men of valour.

9 ¶ And there came out against them Zerah, the Ethiopian, with a host of a thousand thousand and three hundred chariots and came unto Mareshah.

10 Then Asa went out against him, and they ordered the battle in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many or with those that have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rely on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God; do not let man prevail against thee.

12 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar, and the Ethiopians were overthrown until there were none *left* alive, for they were destroyed before the LORD and before his host, and they carried away very much spoil.

14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar, for the fear of the LORD came upon them; and they spoiled all the cities, for there was exceeding much spoil in them.

15 They smote also the booths of livestock and carried away sheep and camels in abundance and returned to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 15

- 1 ¶ And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah, the son of Oded;
2 and he went out to meet Asa and said unto him, Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The LORD *is* with you, while ye are with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.
- 3 For many days Israel *has been* without the true God, and without a priest and without a teacher and without law,
4 but when they in their trouble turned unto the LORD God of Israel and sought him, he was found of them.
- 5 And in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great destruction upon all the inhabitants of the lands.
- 6 And one Gentile destroyed the other, and one city the other; for God discomfited them with all adversity.
- 7 Be ye strong, therefore, and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.
- 8 ¶ And when Asa heard the words and prophecy of Oded, the prophet, he was comforted and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin and out of the cities which he had taken in Mount Ephraim and repaired the altar of the LORD, that *was* before the porch of the LORD.
- 9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon, for many of Israel had gone over to him, when they saw that the LORD his God *was* with him.
- 10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.
- 11 And they offered unto the LORD the same day, of the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.
- 12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;
- 13 that whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14 And they swore unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting and with trumpets and with shofar.

15 And all those of Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them; and the LORD gave them rest round about.

16 And also *concerning* Maachah, the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa cut down her idol and stamped *it* and burnt *it* at the brook Kidron.

17 But with all this the high places were not taken away out of Israel; nevertheless, the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

18 And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated and that he himself had dedicated, silver and gold and vessels.

19 And there was no *more* war until the year thirty-five of the reign of Asa.

2 Chronicles 16

1 ¶ In the year thirty-six of the reign of Asa, Baasha, king of Israel, came up against Judah and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let no one go out or come in to Asa, king of Judah.

2 Then Asa brought out the silver and the gold out of the treasuries of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent unto Benhadad, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

3 *There is* a covenant between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father; behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha, king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

4 And Benhadad hearkened unto King Asa and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and they smote Ijon and Dan and Abelmaim and all the store cities of Naphtali.

5 And when Baasha heard *it*, he left off building of Ramah and let his work cease.

6 Then Asa, the king, took all Judah, and they carried away the stones of Ramah and the timber thereof, with which Baasha was building, and he built Geba and Mizpah with it.

7 ¶ And at that time Hanani, the seer, came to Asa, king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore, the host of the king of Syria has escaped out of thy hands.

8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thy hand.

9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of *those* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly, for from now on thou shalt have wars.

10 Then Asa was wroth with the seer and put him in the prison house, for *he was* in a rage with him because of this *thing*. And Asa killed *some* of the people at the same time.

11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And Asa in the year thirty-nine of his reign was diseased from his feet up; yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians.

13 And Asa slept with his fathers and died in the year forty-one of his reign.

14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and aromas prepared by the apothecaries' art; and they made a very great burning for him.

2 Chronicles 17

1 ¶ And Jehoshaphat, his son, reigned in his stead and prevailed against Israel.

2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah and set garrisons in the land of Judah and likewise in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa, his father had taken.

3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he walked in the first ways of his father David and sought not unto the Baalim

4 but sought the *LORD* God of his father and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.

5 Therefore, the LORD confirmed the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought Jehoshaphat presents, and he had riches and glory in abundance.

6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD, and he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, Benhail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethaneel, and Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

8 And with them *he sent* the Levites, Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, Levites, and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.

9 And they taught in Judah and *had* the book of the law of the LORD with them and went about throughout all the cities of Judah and taught the people.

10 ¶ And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they did not dare to make war against Jehoshaphat.

11 And the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and tribute of silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred he goats.

12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles and cities of store.

13 And he had many works in the cities of Judah and men of war, mighty men of valour, in Jerusalem.

14 And these *are* the numbers of them according to the houses of their fathers: In Judah, princes of thousands; the prince Adnah and with him three hundred thousand mighty men of valour;

15 and after him, Prince Jehohanan and with him two hundred and eighty thousand;

16 after him, Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour;

17 of Benjamin, Eliada, a mighty man of valour, and with him two hundred thousand armed with bow and shield;

18 after him, Jehozabad and with him one hundred and eighty thousand ready and prepared for the war.

19 These were servants of the king, besides *those* whom the king had put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

2 Chronicles 18

1 ¶ Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and married into the family of Ahab.

2 And after *a few* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramothgilead.

3 And Ahab, king of Israel, said unto Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art* and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.

4 ¶ And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD today.

5 Therefore, the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up, for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand.

6 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* yet here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire by him?

7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man here, by whom we may enquire of the LORD, but I hate him, for he never prophesies good unto me, but always evil; the same *is* Micaiah, the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

8 So the king of Israel called for a eunuch and said, Bring quickly Micaiah, the son of Imla.

9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, were each sitting on their thrones, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

10 And Zedekiah, the son of Chenaanah, had made himself horns of iron and said, Thus hath the LORD said, With these thou shalt push Syria until they are consumed.

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead and be prospered, for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.

13 And Micaiah said, As the LORD lives, that what my God says, that will I speak.

14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle or shall I forbear? And he said, Go up, and ye shall be prospered; they shall be delivered into your hands.

15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?

16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd; and the LORD said, These have no master; let each one return to his house in peace.

17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee *that* he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?

18 So he said, Therefore, hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of the heavens standing on his right hand and *on* his left.

19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab, king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one spoke saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

20 Then a spirit came out and stood before the LORD and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, In what manner?

21 And he said, I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the LORD* said, Thou shalt entice *him*, and thou shalt also prevail; go out and do *even* so.

22 Now, therefore, behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD has decreed evil concerning thee.

23 Then Zedekiah, the son of Chenaanah, came near and smote Micaiah upon the cheek and said, Which way did the Spirit of the LORD depart from me to speak unto thee?

24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go from chamber to chamber to hide thyself.

25 Then the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah and carry him back to Amon, the governor of the city, and to Joash, the king's son

26 and say, Thus hath the king said, Put this *fellow* in the prison and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction until I return in peace.

27 And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, *then* the LORD has not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye peoples.

28 ¶ So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, went up to Ramothgilead.

29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself to enter into the battle, but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself and entered into the battle.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that *were* with him, saying, Fight not with small nor great, but only with the king of Israel.

31 And when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, It *is* the king of Israel. Therefore, they compassed about him to fight; but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God separated them from him.

32 And when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they withdrew from pursuing him.

33 But a *certain* man drew a bow in all his perfection and smote the king of Israel between the joints of *his* coat of mail; therefore, he said to his chariot man, Turn thy hand, and carry me out of the camp, for I am wounded.

34 And the battle increased that day; howbeit, the king of Israel stayed *himself* up in *his* chariot against the Syrians until the evening, and about the time of the sun going down he died.

2 Chronicles 19

1 ¶ And Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

2 And Jehu, the son of Hanani, the seer, went out to meet him and said to king Jehoshaphat, Should thou help the ungodly and love those that hate the LORD? Therefore, the wrath of the presence of the LORD shall be upon thee.

3 Nevertheless, good things have been found in thee, in that thou hast burned down the groves of the land and hast prepared thy heart to seek God.

4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem, and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to Mount Ephraim and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

5 ¶ And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

6 and said to the judges, Take heed what ye do, for ye do not judge for man, but for the LORD, who *is* with you in the word of judgment.

7 Therefore, now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do *it*, for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of bribes.

8 Moreover, in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat placed *some* of the Levites and *of* the priests and of the heads of the fathers of Israel for the judgment of the LORD and for controversies. And they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saying, Ye shall proceed thus in the fear of the LORD, in truth and with a perfect heart.

10 In whatever case that shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes or rights, ye shall warn them lest they become guilty against the LORD so that wrath will not come upon you and upon your brethren. Doing thus, ye shall not be guilty.

11 Behold, Amariah, the high priest, who shall be over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah, the son of Ishmael, prince of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters; and the Levites *who shall be* teachers before you. Take courage and do, for the LORD shall be with the good.

2 Chronicles 20

1 ¶ It came to pass after this also *that* the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon and with them *others* besides the Ammonites came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

2 Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, There comes a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea, and from Syria; and, behold, they *are* in Hazazontamar, which *is* Engedi.

3 Then Jehoshaphat feared and set himself to seek the LORD and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to consult the LORD; and out of all the cities of Judah they came to consult the LORD.

5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

6 and said, O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in the heavens and dost thou *not* rule in all the kingdoms of the Gentiles? Is there not power and might in thy hand so that no one is able to withstand thee?

7 *Art* not thou our God, *who* didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel and didst give it to the seed of Abraham, thy friend, for ever?

8 And they have dwelt in it and have built thee a sanctuary in it for thy name, saying,

9 If evil comes upon us or the sword of judgment or pestilence or famine, we shall stand before this house and in thy presence (for thy name *is* in this house) and cry unto thee out of our tribulations, and thou wilt hear us and save us.

10 And now, behold, the sons of Ammon and of Moab and *those of* Mount Seir, whose *land* thou would not let Israel enter when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them;

11 behold they reward us by coming to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that comes against us; we do not know what to do; but our

eyes are *fixed* upon thee.

13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14 ¶ Then upon Jahaziel, the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

15 and he said, Harken, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou King Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Do not be afraid nor dismayed before this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.

16 Tomorrow ye shall go down against them; behold, they shall come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them next to the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*; *set yourselves, stand still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you. O Judah and Jerusalem; fear not, neither be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD *shall be* with you.

18 Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground, and likewise all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 And the Levites, of the sons of the Kohath and of the sons of the Korah, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 ¶ And when they arose early in the morning and while they were going forth into the wilderness of Tekoa, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe the LORD your God, and ye shall be secure; believe his prophets, and ye shall be prospered.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed some to sing unto the LORD and to praise in the beauty of holiness, while the army went out and to say, Praise the LORD, for his mercy *endures* for ever.

22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set the sons of Moab and those of Mount Seir to ambush the sons of Ammon, who were coming against Judah; and they smote *one another*.

23 And the sons of Ammon and Moab rose up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them*; and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, each one helped his companion to kill himself.

24 And when Judah came to the watch tower of the wilderness, they looked for the multitude, and, behold, they *were* fallen to the earth dead, for none had escaped.

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to spoil them, they found among them an abundance of riches and of dead bodies and clothing and precious vessels which they took for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering in the spoil, it was so much.

26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; {Heb. of Blessing} for there they blessed the LORD; therefore, they called the name of that place, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

27 Then they returned, those of Judah and those of Jerusalem with Jehoshaphat at their head, to go again to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.

29 And the fear of God came upon all the kingdoms of the land when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the kingdom of Jehoshaphat had rest, for his God gave him rest round about.

31 ¶ Thus Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah; *he was* thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the way of Asa, his father, and did not depart from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD.

33 With all this the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Jehu, the son of Hanani, who *is* mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

35 After these things, Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, joined himself with Ahaziah, king of Israel, who was given over to wickedness;

36 he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the ships in Eziongeber.

37 Then Eliezer, the son of Dodavah of Mareshah, prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD shall destroy thy works. And the ships were broken, and they were not able to go to Tarshish.

2 Chronicles 21

1 ¶ Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 And he had brethren, sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azariah, Michael, and Shephatiah; all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat, king of Israel.

3 And their father had given them great gifts of silver and of gold and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah, but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram because he *was* the firstborn.

4 Now Jehoram rose up against the kingdom of his father, and he strengthened himself and slew all his brethren with the sword and likewise *some* of the princes of Israel.

5 Jehoram *was* thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab, for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife; and he wrought *that which* was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

7 However, the LORD would not destroy the house of David because of the covenant that he had made with David and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.

8 In his days Edom rebelled from under the dominion of Judah and made themselves a king.

9 Then Jehoram went forth with his princes and all his chariots with him, and he rose up by night and smote Edom who had compassed him in and all the captains of the chariots.

10 With all this Edom *remained in* rebellion, out from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Libnah also rebelled at the same time to not be under his hand because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication and compelled Judah *unto this*.

12 ¶ And a writing came to him from Elijah, the prophet, that said this: Thus hath the LORD, the God of David, thy father, said, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father nor in the ways of Asa, king of Judah,

13 but hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fornicate, like unto the fornication of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, *who were* better than thyself,

14 behold, the LORD shall smite thy people with a great plague, and thy sons and thy wives and all thy goods;

15 and thou *shalt have* great sickness, with disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

16 Then the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Ethiopians;

17 and they came up against Judah and invaded the land and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also and his wives so that none of his sons remained except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

18 And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

19 And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness; so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like they had done for his fathers.

20 He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years and departed without being desired. And they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

2 Chronicles 22

1 ¶ And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah, his youngest son, king in his stead; for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the elder sons. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah reigned.

2 Ahaziah was forty-two years old {another text: twenty-two} when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.

4 Therefore, he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab, for they were his counsellors, after the death of his father, to his destruction.

5 And He walked after their counsel and went with Jehoram, the son of Ahab, king of Israel, to war against Hazael, king of Syria at Ramothgilead, where the Syrians smote Joram.

6 And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah, the son of Jehoram, king of Judah went down to see Jehoram, the son of Ahab, at Jezreel, because he was there sick.

7 But this was of God so that Ahaziah would be tread under foot by coming to Joram; for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram *to encounter* Jehu, the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

8 And it came to pass that when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab and found the princes of Judah and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them.

9 And he sought Ahaziah, and they caught him (for he had hid himself in Samaria) and brought him to Jehu; and when they had slain him, they buried him, Because, they said, He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no strength to be able to retain the kingdom.

10 ¶ So when Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal seed of the house of Judah.

11 But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash, the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were being slain, and kept him and his nurse in the bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada, the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years; and Athaliah reigned over the land.

2 Chronicles 23

1 ¶ And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah, the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael, the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah, the son of Obed, and Maaseiah, the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat, the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

2 And they went about in Judah and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah and the heads of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son who shall reign, as the LORD has said of the sons of David.

4 This *is* the thing that ye must do: A third part of you, those who enter on the sabbath, *shall be* porters at the doors with the priests and the Levites;

5 and a third part *shall be* at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation; and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 But let no one come into the house of the LORD, except the priests and the Levites that minister; they shall go in, for they *are* holy; but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, each one shall have his weapons in his hand; and whoever else comes into the house shall be put to death; and ye shall be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out.

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all the things that Jehoiada, the priest, had commanded, and each one took his men, those that were to come in on the sabbath with those that were to go *out* on the sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss the courses.

9 Moreover, Jehoiada, the priest, delivered to the captains of hundreds spears and bucklers and shields, that *had been* king David's, which *were* in the house of God.

10 And he set all the people in order, each one having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round about.

11 Then they brought out the king's son and put the crown upon him and *gave him* the testimony and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him and said, *Long* live the king.

12 ¶ Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running of those that were praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:

13 And she looked and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entrance and the princes and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced and sounded with trumpets, and those that knew how to praise sang with instruments of music. Then Athaliah rent her clothes and said, Treason, Treason.

14 Then Jehoiada, the priest, brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host and said unto them, Remove her from the order of the house, and whoever follows her, let them be slain with the sword. For the priest had commanded, Slay her not in the house of the LORD.

15 So they laid hands on her, and she entered into the entrance of the horse gate of the king's house, and they slew her there.

16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between him and between all the people and between the king that they should be the LORD's people.

17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal and broke it down and broke in pieces his altars and his images and slew Mattan, the priest of Baal, before the altars.

18 Also Jehoiada ordered the offices of the house of the LORD under the hand of the priests, the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as *it is* written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, *as it was ordained* by David.

19 He also set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD so that there should be no way for anyone *who was* unclean to enter in.

20 Then he took the captains of hundreds and the nobles and those that governed the people and all the people of the land and brought down the king from the house of the LORD; and they came through the high gate into the king's house and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

21 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was at rest after they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

2 Chronicles 24

1 ¶ Joash *was* seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 And Joash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada, the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives, and he begat sons and daughters.

4 And it came to pass after this *that* Joash desired to repair the house of the LORD.

5 And he gathered together the priests and the Levites and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and be diligent in this matter. However the Levites were not diligent.

6 Therefore the king called for Jehoiada, the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem unto the tabernacle of the testimony the collection, *according to the commandment* of Moses, the slave of the LORD and of the congregation of Israel?

7 For the wicked woman, Athaliah, and her sons had broken up the house of God, and they had also bestowed all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD upon Baalim.

8 And at the king's commandment they made an ark and set it outside at the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem to bring in to the LORD the collection *that* Moses the slave of God *laid* upon Israel in the wilderness.

10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced and brought in and cast into the ark until they had fulfilled *their duty*.

11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the ark was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites and when they saw that *there was* much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the ark and took it and returned it to its place. Thus they did day by day and gathered money in abundance.

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those that did the work of the service of the house of the LORD and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD and also those that wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD.

13 So the workmen wrought, and by their hands the work was done, and they restored the house of God and strengthened it.

14 And when they had finished *it*, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, of which they made vessels for the house of the LORD, vessels to minister and to offer *with*, and spoons and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

15 ¶ But Jehoiada waxed old and was full of days when he died; he was one hundred and thirty years old when he died.

16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings because he had done good in Israel, both toward God and toward his house.

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada, the princes of Judah came and worshipped the king. Then the king hearkened unto them.

18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers and served groves and idols, and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for their guilt.

19 Yet he sent prophets to them to bring them again unto the LORD, and they testified against them, but they would not give ear.

20 And the Spirit of God clothed himself in Zechariah, the son of Jehoiada, the priest, who being over the people, said unto them, Thus hath God said, Why do ye transgress the commandments of the LORD? Ye shall not prosper in this; for because ye have forsaken the LORD, he shall also forsake you.

21 And they conspired against him and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Joash, the king, did not remember the mercy which Jehoiada, his father, had done to him but slew his son; who said when he died, The LORD look upon *it* and require *it*.

23 And at the end of the year, the host of Syria came up against him, and they came to Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus.

24 For *even though* the army of the Syrians had come with a small company of men, the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgments against Joash.

25 And when they were departed from him (for they left him in great diseases), his own slaves conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada, the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died; and they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the sepulchres of the kings.

26 Those that conspired against him were Zabad, the son of Shimeath, an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad, the son of Shimrith, a Moabitess.

27 Now *concerning* his sons, and of the multiplication that he did of the taxes and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they *are* written in the story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 25

1 ¶ Amaziah was twenty-five years old *when* he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.

3 For when he was confirmed in the kingdom, he slew his slaves that had killed the king, his father.

4 But he slew not their children, but *did as it is* written in the law in the book of Moses where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but each one shall die for his own sin.

5 Moreover, Amaziah gathered Judah together and made them captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin; and he numbered them from twenty years old and above and found them three hundred thousand choice *men, able* to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

6 He also hired one hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for one hundred talents of silver.

7 But a man of God came unto him, saying, O king, do not let not the army of Israel go with thee, for the LORD *is* not with Israel *nor* with all the sons of Ephraim.

8 But if thou wilt go, if thou wilt do *it*, and strengthen thyself for the battle, God shall make thee fall before the enemy; for in God is the strength, to help or to cast down.

9 Then Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.

10 Then Amaziah separated the army of those that had come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again; therefore, their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

11 And Amaziah strengthened himself and led forth his people and went to the valley of salt and smote of the sons of Seir, ten thousand.

12 And the sons of Judah took *another* ten thousand alive, whom they took unto the top of the rock and cast them down from the top of the rock, and they were all broken in pieces.

13 But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Bethhoron, and smote three thousand of them and took much spoil.

14 ¶ Now after Amaziah came back from the slaughter of the Edomites, he brought the gods of the sons of Seir and set them up *to be* his gods and bowed down before them and burned incense unto them.

15 Therefore, the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent him a prophet who said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of a people who could not deliver their own people out of thy hand?

16 And as *the prophet* was speaking these things unto him, he said unto him, Art thou appointed as the king's counsel? Forbear; why should thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore and said, I know that God has determined to destroy thee because thou hast done this and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

17 ¶ Then Amaziah, king of Judah, took advice and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another face to face.

18 And Joash, king of Israel, sent to Amaziah, king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife. And behold, the wild beasts that *were* in Lebanon, passed by, and trode down the thistle.

19 Thou sayest, Behold, I have smitten Edom; and *with this thy* heart lifts thee up to boast; abide now at home; why should thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou should fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee?

20 But Amaziah would not hear; for it *came* of God, that he might deliver them into the hand *of their enemies*, because they had sought after the gods of Edom.

21 So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another face to face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Bethshemesh, which is of Judah.

22 But Judah fell before Israel, and they fled each man to his tent.

23 And Joash, the king of Israel, took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Bethshemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

24 And *he took* all the gold and the silver and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obbedom and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

25 And Amaziah, the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, fifteen years.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

27 From the time that Amaziah turned away from following the LORD, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish, but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.

28 And they brought him upon horses and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

2 Chronicles 26

1 ¶ Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Eloth and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers.

3 Uzziah *was* sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5 And he persisted in seeking God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and in those days that he sought the LORD, God prospered him.

6 For he went forth and warred against the Philistines and broke down the wall of Gath and the wall of Jabneh and the wall of Ashdod and built cities about Ashdod and among the Philistines.

7 And God helped him against the Philistines and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gurbaal and against the Mehunims.

8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah; and his name spread abroad *even* to the entrance of Egypt, for he strengthened *himself* exceedingly.

9 Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate and at the valley gate and at the corners and fortified them.

10 He also built towers in the desert and dug many wells, for he had much livestock, both in the low country and in the plains, husbandmen *also* and vine dressers in the mountains and in Carmel, for he loved agriculture.

11 Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men that went out to war in companies, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel, the scribe, and Maaseiah, the governor, under the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the king's princes.

12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour *were* two thousand six hundred.

13 And under their hand *was* an army, a host of three hundred and seven thousand five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king

against the enemy.

14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields and spears and helmets and coats of mail and bows and slings *to cast* stones.

15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks to shoot arrows and great stones with. And his name spread far abroad, for he was marvelously helped until he was strong.

16 ¶ But when he was strengthened, his heart lifted itself up unto corruption, for he rebelled against the LORD his God, entering into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

17 And Azariah, the priest, went in after him, and with him eighty priests of the LORD, *that were* valiant men.

18 And they withstood Uzziah, the king, and said unto him, *It does not pertain* unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests, the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense; go out of the sanctuary, for thou hast rebelled; neither *shall it be* for thy glory before the LORD God.

19 Then Uzziah was angry and *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense; and in this his anger with the priests, the leprosy rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, next to the altar of incense.

20 And Azariah, the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from there, and he also hastened to go out because the LORD had smitten him.

21 And Uzziah, the king, was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a separate house, *being* a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD; and Jotham, his son, *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last were written by Isaiah, the prophet, the son of Amoz.

23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the royal burial field, for they said, He *is* a leper. And Jotham, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 27

1 ¶ Jotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did *that which* was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did; however, he did not enter into the temple of the LORD. But the people corrupted themselves yet.

3 He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much.

4 Moreover, he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.

5 He fought also with the king of the Ammonites and prevailed against them. And the sons of Ammon gave him the same year one hundred talents of silver and ten thousand measures of wheat and ten thousand of barley. So much did the sons of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year and the third.

6 So Jotham became mighty because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham and all his wars and his ways, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

8 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Ahaz, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 28

1 ¶ Ahaz *was* twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; but he did not do *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, like David, his father.

2 To the contrary he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel and also made molten images unto Baalim.

3 Moreover, he burnt incense in the valley of the sons of Hinnom and burnt his sons in the fire, after the abominations of the Gentiles whom the LORD had cast out before the sons of Israel.

4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills and under every green tree.

5 Therefore, the LORD his God delivered him into the hands of the king of Syria, and they smote him and carried away a great multitude of them captives and brought *them* to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hands of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.

6 ¶ For Pekah, the son of Remaliah, slew in Judah one hundred and twenty thousand in one day, *who were* all valiant men, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah, the king's son, and Azrikam, the governor of the house, and Elkanah, second after the king.

8 And the sons of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, in addition to taking much spoil from them, which they brought to Samaria.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name *was* Oded; and he went out before the host that came to Samaria and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was angry with Judah, he has delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage. *This* reaches up unto heaven.

10 And now ye purpose to keep subject the sons of Judah and Jerusalem for menslaves and womenslaves unto you, *but* are ye not guilty against the LORD your God?

11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren; for the fierce wrath of the LORD *is* upon

you.

12 Then certain of the heads of the sons of Ephraim, Azariah, the son of Johanan, Berechiah, the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah, the son of Shallum, and Amasa, the son of Hadlai, stood up against those that came from the war

13 and said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives here, for the sin against the LORD shall be upon us. Ye intend to add *more* to our sins and to our guilt, for our guilt is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel.

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.

15 And the men which were expressed by name rose up and took the captives, and, with the spoil, clothed all that were naked among them and arrayed them and shod them and gave them to eat and to drink and anointed them and carried all the feeble of them upon asses and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren; then they returned to Samaria.

16 ¶ At that time King Ahaz sent unto the kings of Assyria to help him.

17 For in addition to this, the Edomites had come and smitten Judah and carried away captives.

18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country and towards the Negev of Judah and had taken Bethshemesh and Ajalon and Gederoth and Shocho with its villages and Timnah with its villages, Gimzo also and its villages, and they dwelt in them.

19 For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, for he had made Judah naked and had completely rebelled against the LORD.

20 And Tilgathpilneser, king of Assyria, came unto him, and distressed him but did not strengthen him.

21 For even though Ahaz took away a portion *out* of the house of the LORD and *out* of the house of the king and of the princes and gave *it* unto the king of Assyria, he did not help him.

22 Furthermore, king Ahaz in the time of his distress trespassed even more against the LORD,

23 for he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, who had smitten him, and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them; *therefore*, I will

also sacrifice to them that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel.

24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 And in all the cities of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

26 Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of Jerusalem, but they did not bring him into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel; and Hezekiah, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 29

1 ¶ Hezekiah began to reign *when he was* twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David, his father, had done.

3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites and gathered them together into the east plaza

5 and said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and ye shall sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers and carry forth the filthiness out of the sanctuary.

6 For our fathers have rebelled and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, for *they* have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD and turned *their* backs.

7 They even shut up the doors of the porch and put out the lamps and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the sanctuary unto the God of Israel.

8 Therefore, the wrath of the LORD has come upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he has delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

9 For, behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in captivity for this.

10 Now *it is* in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 My sons, do not deceive yourselves, for the LORD has chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should be his ministers and burn incense unto him.

12 ¶ Then the Levites arose, Mahath, the son of Amasai, and Joel, the son of Azariah, of the sons of Kohath; and of the sons of Merari, Kish, the son of

Abdi, and Azariah, the son of Jehalelel; and of the sons of Gershon; Joah, the son of Zimmah, and Eden, the son of Joah;

13 and of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri and Jeiel; and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah and Mattaniah;

14 and of the sons of Heman; Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah and Uzziel.

15 And they gathered their brethren and sanctified themselves and entered in, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.

16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the Brook Kidron.

17 Now they began to sanctify on the first *day* of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the porch of the LORD; and they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah, the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD and the altar of burnt offering, with all its vessels, and the showbread table with all its vessels.

19 Likewise we have prepared and sanctified all the vessels, which King Ahaz in his reign cast away in his transgression, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.

20 ¶ Then Hezekiah, the king, rose early and gathered the rulers of the city and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 And they offered seven bullocks and seven rams and seven lambs and seven he goats, for the sin of the kingdom and of the sanctuary and of Judah. And he commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood and sprinkled *it* on the altar; likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar; they also killed the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

23 And they brought forth the he goats of the sin before the king and the congregation, and they laid their hands upon them;

24 and the priests killed them, and they removed the sin with their blood upon the altar, to reconcile all Israel, for the king commanded *that* the burnt offering and *the atonement* for sin *should be offered* for all Israel.

25 And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad, the king's seer, and of Nathan, the prophet, for that commandment was by the hand of the LORD, by the hand of his prophets.

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

27 *Then* Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets and with the instruments of David, king of Israel.

28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpets sounded; *and all this continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

29 And when they had finished offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves and worshipped.

30 Moreover, Hezekiah, the king, and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David and of Asaph, the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed down and worshipped.

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and praises in the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and praises, and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was seventy bullocks, one hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs; all these *were* for the burnt offering of the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things *were* six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.

34 But the priests were too few so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings; therefore, their brethren, the Levites, helped them until the work was ended and until the *other* priests had sanctified themselves, for the Levites *were* more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

35 And also the burnt offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings and the drink offerings for *every* burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order.

36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people, for the thing was *done* suddenly.

2 Chronicles 30

1 ¶ And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel.

2 For the king had taken counsel with his princes and with all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month.

3 For they could not keep it at that time, because there were not enough priests sanctified, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

4 And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation.

5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem because for a long *time* they had not done it as it is written.

6 So the posts went with the letters from the hand of the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye sons of Israel, return unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

7 Do not be like your fathers, and like your brethren, who rebelled against the LORD God of their fathers and he gave them over to desolation, as ye see.

8 Therefore, do not be stiffnecked as your fathers *were*, *but* yield yourselves unto the LORD and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified for ever and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

9 For if ye return unto the LORD, your brethren and your children *shall find* mercy before those that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land, for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful and will not turn away *his* face from you if ye return unto him.

10 So the posts passed from city to city through the land of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun, but they laughed them to scorn and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless, *some* men of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

12 Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, according to the word of the LORD.

13 ¶ And many people assembled at Jerusalem to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

14 And they arose and took away the altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and they *also* took away all the altars for incense and cast *them* into the brook Kidron.

15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second month, and the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves with shame and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD.

16 And they put themselves in order according to the ordinance, according to the law of Moses, the man of God; the priests sprinkled the blood, *which they received* of the hands of the Levites.

17 For *there were* yet many in the congregation that were not sanctified; therefore, the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for each one *that was* not clean, to sanctify *them* unto the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, *even* many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, and they ate the passover not as it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon each one

19 *that* has prepared his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, even though *he is* not *cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary.

20 And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah and healed the people.

21 ¶ Thus, the sons of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the solemnity of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness, and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD, day by day, with instruments of strength unto the LORD.

22 And Hezekiah spoke unto the heart of all the Levites that had good understanding to *serve* the LORD, and they ate *the sacrifices* of the feast for seven days, offering sacrifices of peace and giving thanks unto the LORD God of their fathers.

23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep another seven days, and they kept *another* seven days with gladness.

24 For Hezekiah, king of Judah, had given to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep, and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep, and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

25 And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel *there was* not the like in Jerusalem.

27 Then the priests, the Levites, arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard, and their prayer came *up* to the dwelling place of his sanctuary, unto heaven.

2 Chronicles 31

1 ¶ Now when all this was finished, all Israel went out, those that were present, to the cities of Judah and broke the images in pieces and cut down the groves and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the sons of Israel returned, each man to his possession, into their own cities.

2 And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, each man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace *offerings*, to minister and to give thanks and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.

3 The king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings was the morning and evening burnt offerings and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths and for the new moons and for the solemn feasts, as *it is* written in the law of the LORD.

4 Moreover, he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD.

5 And as soon as the commandment burst *forth and multiplied*, an abundance of firstfruits of grain, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field was multiplied unto the sons of Israel; and likewise, they brought in the tithe, of all things in abundance.

6 Also the sons of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, gave in the same manner the tithe of the cows and the sheep, and the tithe of that which was sanctified of the things which had been promised unto the LORD their God, and laid *them* in heaps.

7 In the third month they began to found those heaps, and they finished *them* in the seventh month.

8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and his people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 And Azariah, the high priest of the house of Zadok, answered him and said, Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have eaten and been satisfied and have had an abundance left over; for the LORD has blessed his people, and that which is left *is* this great store.

11 ¶ Then Hezekiah commanded that they prepare chambers in the house of the LORD, and they prepared *them*

12 and brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated *things* faithfully, over which Cononiah, the Levite, *was* ruler and Shimei, his brother, *was* second.

13 And Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah *were* overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah, the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.

14 And Kore, the son of Imnah, the Levite, the porter toward the east, *was* over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the offerings of the LORD and the most holy things.

15 And at his hand *were* Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah in the cities of the priests, to faithfully give their brethren *their parts* according to their courses, to the great the same as to the small.

16 Besides that which is counted for the males from three years old and upward, unto all that entered into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their ministry in their charges according to their courses;

17 both to those numbered among the priests by the house of their fathers and among the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses;

18 *and* likewise unto those of their generation with all their little ones, their wives, and their sons and daughters, through all the congregation, for in their faithfulness they sanctified themselves in holiness.

19 Likewise, to the sons of Aaron, the priests, *who were* in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in all the cities, the men that were expressed by name, gave portions to all the males among the priests and to all the lineage of the Levites.

20 And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah and wrought *that which was* good and right and true before the LORD his God.

21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God and in the law and in the commandments, he sought God and he did *it* with all his heart and was prospered.

2 Chronicles 32

1 ¶ After these things and *after* this faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities and thought to break them up.

2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,

3 he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which *were* outside the city, and they helped him.

4 So many people gathered together, and they stopped up all the fountains and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?

5 Also he strengthened himself and built up all the wall that was broken and caused the towers to be raised up, and another wall outside, and repaired Millo *in* the city of David, and made swords and shields in abundance.

6 And he set captains of war over the people and gathered them together to him in the plaza of the gate of the city and spoke unto their heart, saying,

7 Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria nor for all the multitude that *is* with him, for *there are* more with us than with him.

8 With him *is* an arm of flesh, but with us *is* the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles. And the people were upheld by the words of Hezekiah, king of Judah.

9 ¶ After this Sennacherib, king of Assyria, sent his slaves to Jerusalem (but he *himself laid siege* against Lachish, and all his power with him) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were* at Jerusalem, saying,

10 Thus hath said Sennacherib, king of Assyria, In whom do ye trust that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem?

11 Does not Hezekiah deceive you to give yourselves over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 Has not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar

and burn incense upon it?

13 Have ye not known what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of *other* lands? Could peradventure the gods of the Gentiles of those lands deliver their lands out of my hand?

14 Who *was there* among all the gods of those Gentiles that my fathers utterly destroyed that could deliver his people out of my hands? Why should your God be able to deliver you out of my hand?

15 Now, therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you nor persuade you in this matter neither believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hands and out of the hands of my fathers; how much less shall your God deliver you out of my hand?

16 And his slaves spoke yet *more* against the LORD God and against his slave Hezekiah.

17 In addition to this, he wrote letters that blasphemed the LORD God of Israel and spoke against him, saying, As the gods of the Gentiles of *other* lands could not deliver their people out of my hand, neither shall the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of my hand.

18 Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to make them afraid and to trouble them, that they might take the city.

19 And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem as against the gods of the peoples of the earth, *which were* the work of the hands of man.

20 And for this *cause* Hezekiah, the king, and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

21 And the LORD sent an angel who cut off all the mighty men of valour and the captains and the princes in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And as he entered into the house of his god, those that had come forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.

22 Thus, the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hands of Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, and from the hands of all *others* and guided them concerning everything.

23 And many brought a present unto the LORD to Jerusalem and precious gifts unto Hezekiah, king of Judah, so that he was magnified in the sight of all the Gentiles from then on.

24 ¶ In those days Hezekiah was sick unto the death and prayed to the LORD, who responded to him and gave him a sign.

25 But Hezekiah did not render again according to the benefit *done* unto him, for his heart lifted itself up; therefore there was wrath against him and against Judah and Jerusalem.

26 Notwithstanding, Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, *both* he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 And Hezekiah had exceedingly great riches and honour, and he made himself treasures of silver and of gold and of precious stones and of spices and of shields and of all manner of pleasant vessels,

28 storehouses also for the increase of grain and wine and oil and stalls for all manner of beasts and places for cattle.

29 Moreover, he made himself cities and possessions of sheep and cows in abundance, for God had given him great substance.

30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah was prospered in all that he did.

31 However, because of the ambassadors {Heb. scornors} of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that had happened in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his heart.

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and his mercy, behold, they *are* written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh, his son, reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 33

1 ¶ Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the Gentiles, whom the LORD had cast out before the sons of Israel.

3 For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah, his father, had broken down, and he raised up altars for the Baalim and made groves and worshipped all the host of the heavens and served them.

4 He also built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever.

5 He likewise built altars for all the host of the heavens in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the valley of the sons of Hinnom; he also observed times, used enchantments, and was given over to witchcraft, consulting with spiritists and with diviners; he multiplied in doing much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 In addition to this, he set a graven image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen over all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name for ever;

8 neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers under the condition that they take, keep, and do all that I have commanded them, the whole law, the statutes and the rights by the hand of Moses.

9 So Manasseh deceived Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to do more evil than the Gentiles, whom the LORD had destroyed before the sons of Israel.

10 And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they would not hearken.

11 ¶ Therefore, the LORD brought upon them the princes of the host of the king of Assyria who took Manasseh and bound him with fetters of brass and carried him to Babylon.

12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

13 and when he prayed unto him, he was heard; for he heard his supplication and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God.

14 Now after this he built the wall outside the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, and at the entrance of the fish gate, and fenced Ophel and raised it up to a very great height and put captains of the army in all the fenced cities of Judah.

15 Likewise, he took away the strange gods and the idol out of the house of the LORD and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem and cast *them* out of the city.

16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD and sacrificed upon it sacrifices of peace and of praise and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

17 Nevertheless, the people still sacrificed in the high places, *yet* unto the LORD their God only.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God and the words of the seers that spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the acts of the kings of Israel.

19 His prayer also and how he was heard, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places upon which he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he humbled himself; behold, these things are written among the words of the seers.

20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house; and Amon, his son, reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign and reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 But he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD, as Manasseh his father had done, for Amon sacrificed unto all the graven images which Manasseh, his father, had made, and served them.

23 But he never humbled himself before the LORD as Manasseh, his father, humbled himself; to the contrary Amon multiplied the guilt.

24 And his slaves conspired against him and slew him in his own house.

25 But the people of the land slew all those that had conspired against King Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah, his son, king in his stead.

2 Chronicles 34

1 ¶ Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD and walked in the ways of David, his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand, nor to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David, his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places and the groves and the graven images and the molten images.

4 And they broke down the altars of the Baalim in his presence; and the images *of the sun*, that *were* on high above them, he cut down; and the groves and the graven images and the molten images, he broke in pieces and made dust *of them* and scattered *it* upon the graves of those that had sacrificed unto them.

5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

6 *He did the same* in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their swords round about.

7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves and had beaten the graven images into powder and cut down all the idols *of the sun* throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

8 ¶ Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah, the son of Joahaz, the writer of chronicles, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

9 And they went to Hilkiah, the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim and of all the remnant of Israel and of all Judah and Benjamin, having *then* returned to Jerusalem.

10 And they put *it* in the hand of those that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and restore the house.

11 They *also* gave to the craftsmen and builders, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and for the woodwork of the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12 And the men did the work faithfully, and the overseers of them *were* Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of Kohath, to set *it* forward; and *others of* the Levites, all those with understanding in instruments of music.

13 Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens and *were* overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service; and of the Levites *there were* scribes, and officers, and porters.

14 ¶ And when they brought out the money that had been brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiyah, the priest, found the book of the law of the LORD *given* by the hand of Moses.

15 And Hilkiyah answered and said to Shaphan, the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiyah delivered the book to Shaphan.

16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king and brought the king word back again, saying, Thy slaves have fulfilled all that was committed unto them to do.

17 And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD and have delivered it into the hand of those who were commissioned and to the hand of the workmen.

18 Then Shaphan, the scribe, told the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest, has given me a book. And Shaphan read in it before the king.

19 And when the king heard the words of the law, he rent his clothes.

20 And the king commanded Hilkiyah and Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Abdon, the son of Micah, and Shaphan, the scribe, and Asaiah, a slave of the king's, saying,

21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me and for the remnant of Israel and of Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found, for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all the things that are written in this book.

22 Then Hilkiyah and those of the king went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum, the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the

wardrobe (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the house of doctrine); and they spoke to her to that *effect*.

23 And she answered them, The LORD God of Israel hath said thus, Tell the man that sent you to me,

24 that thus hath the LORD said, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place and upon its inhabitants all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah

25 because they have forsaken me and have sacrificed unto other gods, provoking me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore, my wrath shall be poured out upon this place and shall not be quenched.

26 But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus hath the LORD God of Israel said, *Because* thou hast heard the words *of the book*,

27 and thy heart became tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, hearing his words against this place and against its inhabitants *and* didst humble thyself before me and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me, I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace; neither shall thy eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

29 ¶ Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and with him all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the Levites and all the people, great and small; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD.

31 And the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and that they would keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and with all their soul to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

32 And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the lands that *pertained* to the sons of Israel and made all that were present in Israel serve the LORD their God *only*. *And* all his days they did not depart from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

2 Chronicles 35

1 ¶ Moreover, Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem and they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month.

2 And he set the priests in their charges and confirmed them in the ministry of the house of the LORD

3 and said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, who were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel, built, that ye not carry it any longer upon your shoulders; serve now the LORD your God and his people Israel

4 and prepare *yourselves* by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David, king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon, his son.

5 And stand in the sanctuary according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren, the people, and *after* the division of the families of the Levites.

6 So kill the passover and sanctify yourselves and prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

7 And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks; these *were* of the king's substance.

8 And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand six hundred *sheep* and three hundred oxen.

9 Conaniah, likewise, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, princes of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for the sacrifices of the passover five thousand *sheep*, and five hundred oxen.

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites, likewise, in their courses, according to the king's commandment.

11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood taken* from the hands of the Levites *who flayed them*.

12 And they took away *part of the animals that they had* for the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, for them to offer unto the LORD, as *it is* written in the book of Moses. And *they did*, likewise, with the oxen.

13 And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance, but that which had been sanctified, they cooked in pots and in caldrons and in pans and divided *them* speedily among all the people.

14 And afterward they prepared for themselves and for the priests because the priests, the sons of Aaron, were occupied in the sacrifice of the burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore, the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron.

15 Likewise, the singers, the sons of Asaph, *were* in their place, according to the commandment of David and Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, the king's seer; and the porters *waited* at every gate; it was not necessary for them to depart from their ministry, for their brethren, the Levites, prepared for them.

16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover and to sacrifice the burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of King Josiah.

17 And the sons of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time and the solemn feast of unleavened bread for seven days.

18 And there was no passover like unto that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel, the prophet; neither did any of the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests and the Levites and all Judah and Israel that were present, together with all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19 In the year eighteen of the reign of Josiah, this passover was kept.

20 ¶ After all this, when Josiah had prepared the house, Necho, king of Egypt, came up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates; and Josiah went out against him.

21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I do not come* against thee this day, but against the house that makes war with me, for God commanded me to make haste. Forbear from *meddling with* God, who *is* with me, that he not destroy thee.

22 Nevertheless, Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and did not hearken unto the words of

Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight him in the valley of Megiddo.

23 And the archers shot King Josiah, and the king said to his slaves, Take me away, for I am sore wounded.

24 His slaves, therefore, took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died and was buried in the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25 And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah; and all the singing men and the singing women spoke of Josiah in their lamentations to this day and made them an ordinance in Israel, which *are* written in the lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his mercy, according to *that which* was written in the law of the LORD,

27 and his deeds, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

2 Chronicles 36

1 ¶ Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz, the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem.

2 Jehoahaz *was* twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

3 And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem and condemned the land in one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim, his brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz, his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5 Jehoiakim *was* twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem, and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God.

6 And Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came up against him and bound him with *fetters of* brass; he carried him to Babylon.

7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and his abominations which he did and that which was found in him, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah; and Jehoiachin, his son, reigned in his stead.

9 Jehoiachin *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem; and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD.

10 And when the year was expired, King Nebuchadnezzar sent and caused him to be brought to Babylon with the precious vessels of the house of the LORD and made Zedekiah, his brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 ¶ Zedekiah *was* twenty-one years old when he began to reign and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God *and* did not humble himself before Jeremiah, the prophet, *who spoke unto him* from the mouth of the LORD.

13 He rebelled, likewise, against King Nebuchadnezzar, unto whom he had sworn by God; but he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

14 Moreover, all the princes of the priests and the people increased the rebellion, rebelling according to all the abominations of the Gentiles and polluting the house of the LORD which he had sanctified in Jerusalem.

15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by the hand of his messengers, rising up early, and sending because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place.

16 But they mocked the messengers of God and despised his words and misused his prophets until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, and there *was* no remedy.

17 Therefore, he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age; he gave *them* all into his hands.

18 Likewise, all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king and of his princes; all *these* he brought to Babylon.

19 And they burnt the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burnt all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its desirable vessels.

20 And those that escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; where they were slaves to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia,

21 to fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah until the land had fulfilled her sabbaths; for all the time of her desolation she rested until the seventy years were fulfilled.

22 ¶ But in the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, that the word of the LORD *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and *put it* also in writing, saying,

23 Thus saith Cyrus, king of Persia, The LORD God of the heavens has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he has charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? *Let* the LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

The Book of
Ezra

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Ezra 1

1 ¶ Now in the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and *put it* also in writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus, king of Persia, The LORD God of the heavens has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah.

3 Who *is there* among you of all his people? Let God be with him and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (he *is* God), which *is* in Jerusalem.

4 And whoever may remain of all the places where they remained a stranger, let the men of his place help him with silver and with gold and with goods and with beasts, with freewill gifts for the house of God that *is* in Jerusalem.

5 ¶ Then rose up the heads of the families of Judah and of Benjamin and the priests and the Levites, of all those whose spirit God woke up to go up to build the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem.

6 And all those that *were* about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver and of gold, with goods and with beasts and with precious things, besides all *that* was willingly offered.

7 Also Cyrus, the king, brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem and had put them in the house of his god.

8 Even those did Cyrus, king of Persia, bring forth by the hand of Mithredath, the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

9 And this *is* the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, twenty-nine knives,

10 thirty basins of gold, silver basons of a second *sort* four hundred and ten, *and* another thousand vessels.

11 All the vessels of gold and of silver *were* five thousand four hundred. All *these* did Sheshbazzar cause to be brought up with those that came up from the captivity of Babylon unto Jerusalem.

Ezra 2

1 ¶ Now these *are* the sons of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and that returned unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city,

2 which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 The sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred seventy-two.

4 The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy-two.

5 The sons of Arah, seven hundred seventy-five.

6 The sons of Pahathmoab, of the sons of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.

8 The sons of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five.

9 The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and seventy.

10 The sons of Bani, six hundred and forty-two.

11 The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three.

12 The sons of Azgad, one thousand two hundred and twenty-two.

13 The sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six.

14 The sons of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six.

15 The sons of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four.

16 The sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight.

17 The sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three.

18 The sons of Jorah, one hundred and twelve.

19 The sons of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three.

20 The sons of Gibbar, ninety-five.

21 The sons of Bethlehem, one hundred and twenty-three.

22 The men of Netophah, fifty-six.

23 The men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight.

- 24 The sons of Azmaveth, forty-two.
- 25 The sons of Kirjatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three.
- 26 The sons of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred and twenty-one.
- 27 The men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two.
- 28 The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three.
- 29 The sons of Nebo, fifty-two.
- 30 The sons of Magbish, one hundred and fifty-six.
- 31 The sons of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.
- 32 The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
- 33 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five.
- 34 The sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five.
- 35 The sons of Senaah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.
- 36 ¶ The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three.
- 37 The sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty-two.
- 38 The sons of Pashur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven.
- 39 The sons of Harim, one thousand and seventeen.
- 40 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and of Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, seventy-four.
- 41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and twenty-eight.
- 42 The sons of the porters: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, *in* all one hundred and thirty-nine.
- 43 The Nethinims: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,
- 44 the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon,
- 45 the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub,
- 46 the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmi, the sons of Hanan,
- 47 the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah,
- 48 the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam,

49 the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai,
50 the sons of Asnah, the sons of Mehunim, the sons of Nephusim,
51 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,
52 the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Thamah,
54 the sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha.
55 The sons of Solomon's slaves: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth,
the sons of Peruda,
56 the sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of
Zebaim, the sons of Ami.
58 All the Nethinims and the sons of Solomon's slaves, *were* three hundred
and ninety-two.
59 And these *were* those which went up from Telmelah, Telharsa, Cherub,
Addan, *and* Immer, but they could not show their father's house and their
seed, whether they *were* of Israel.
60 The sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred
and fifty-two.
61 And of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the
sons of Barzillai; who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai, the
Gileadite, and was called after their name.
62 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by
genealogy, but they were not found; therefore, they were, as polluted, put
from the priesthood.
63 And the Tirshatha said unto them that they should not eat of the most
holy things until there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.
64 ¶ The whole congregation united as one man was forty-two thousand
three hundred *and* seventy,
65 besides their slaves and their maids, of whom *there were* seven thousand
three hundred and thirty-seven; and *there were* among them two hundred
men and women who were singers.
66 Their horses *were* seven hundred and thirty-six; their mules, two hundred
and forty-five;

67 their camels, four hundred and thirty-five; *their* asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

68 And *some* of the heads of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which *was* at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place.

69 They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work sixty-one thousand drams of gold and five thousand pounds of silver and one hundred priests' garments.

70 So the priests and the Levites and *those* of the people and the singers and the porters and the Nethinims dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

Ezra 3

1 ¶ And when the seventh month was come and the sons of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man in Jerusalem.

2 Then stood up Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and they built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings upon it, as *it is* written in the law of Moses, the man of God.

3 And they set the altar upon its bases, for fear *was* upon them because of the peoples of those lands, and they offered burnt offerings upon it unto the LORD, *even* burnt offerings morning and evening.

4 They kept also the feast of the tabernacles, as *it is* written, and *offered* the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the ordinance, each thing in its day,

5 and in addition to this, the continual burnt offering and the new moons and all the sanctified feasts of the LORD and every spontaneous freewill *offering* unto the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not *yet* laid.

7 And they gave money unto the masons and to the carpenters; and food and drink and oil unto the Zidonians and to those of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the will of Cyrus, king of Persia, over them.

8 ¶ And in the second year of their coming unto the house of God in Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren, the priests and the Levites, and all those that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem, and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then Jeshua stood *with* his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, *with* their sons and their brethren, the Levites.

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the ordinance of David, king of Israel.

11 And they sang, praising and giving thanks unto the LORD because *he is* good, for his mercy *endures* for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, praising the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites and of the heads of the fathers, *who were* ancient men that had seen the first house, as the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice while many shouted aloud for joy:

13 so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Ezra 4

1 ¶ Now when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the captivity built the temple unto the LORD God of Israel,

2 then they came to Zerubbabel and to the heads of the fathers and said unto them, Let us build with you, for we seek your God, as ye *do*; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esarhaddon, king of Assur, who brought us up here.

3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build a house unto our God; but we alone will build unto the LORD God of Israel as King Cyrus, the king of Persia, commanded us.

4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah and troubled them in building

5 and hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their counsel, all the days of Cyrus, king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius, king of Persia.

6 ¶ And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote accusations against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes, king of Persia; and the writing of the letter *was* written in the Syrian tongue and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

8 Rehum, the chancellor, and Shimshai, the scribe, wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes, the king, in this sort:

9 Then *wrote* Rehum, the chancellor, and Shimshai, the scribe, and the rest of their companions, the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, *and* the Elamites,

10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnappar (*Sennacherib*) brought over and set in the cities of Samaria and the rest *that are* on the other side of the river, and of Cheenet.

11 This *is* the copy of the letter that they sent: Unto Artaxerxes, the king: Thy servants, the men of the other side of the river, and of Cheenet.

12 Be it known unto the king that the Jews who came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have founded the walls *thereof* and joined the foundations.

13 Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city is rebuilt, and the walls founded, they will not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and so the revenue of the kings shall be reduced.

14 Now because we are salted with the salt of the palace, and it is not just unto us to see the king's dishonour; therefore, we have sent to make this known unto the king,

15 that search may be made in the book of the records of our fathers; so shalt thou find in the book of the records and know that this city *is* a rebellious city and hurtful unto kings and provinces and that from old time they form rebellions in the midst of her, for which cause this city was destroyed.

16 We notify the king that if this city is built *again*, and its walls founded, the portion on the other side of the river shall no longer be yours.

17 ¶ The king sent this answer unto Rehum, the chancellor, and to Shimshai, the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria and to the rest of those of the other side of the river and to Cheenet.

18 The letter which you sent unto us has been plainly read before me.

19 And I commanded, and search has been made, and it is found that this city of old time has made insurrection against kings and *that* rebellion and sedition have been made in her

20 and that there have been mighty kings in Jerusalem, who have ruled over all *that is* beyond the river, and that toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them.

21 Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease and that this city not be built until *another* commandment shall be given from me.

22 Take heed now that ye not fail to do this; why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 Now when the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter *was* read before Rehum, and Shimshai, the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews and made them to cease by force and power.

24 Then the work of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem ceased. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius, king of Persia.

Ezra 5

1 ¶ Then the prophets, Haggai, the prophet, and Zechariah, the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel unto them.

2 Then Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, rose up and began to build the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem; and with them *were* the prophets of God helping them.

3 ¶ At the same time Tatnai, captain of this side the river, and Shetharboznai, and their companions came to them and said thus unto them, Who has commanded you to build this house and to make up this wall?

4 Then we said unto them regarding this, These are the names of the men that make this building!

5 For the eyes of their God were upon the elders of the Jews, and they could not cause them to cease until the matter came to Darius, and then they returned answer by letter concerning this *matter*.

6 The copy of the letter that Tatnai, captain of this side the river, and Shetharboznai, and his companions, the Apharsachites, which *were* on this side the river, sent unto Darius, the king:

7 they sent a letter unto him, in which was written thus; Unto Darius, the king, all peace.

8 Be it known unto the king that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is being built with stones of marble, and the timbers are laid in the walls, and this work is going fast and prospers in their hands.

9 Then we asked the elders *and* said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house and to found these walls?

10 We asked their names also, to notify thee, that we might write the names of the men that *were at* the head of them.

11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are servants of the God of heaven and earth and rebuild the house that was built many years ago, which the great king of Israel built and founded.

12 But after our fathers raged against the God of heaven, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house and carried the people away into Babylon.

13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon *the same* King Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple that *was* in Jerusalem and had brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus, the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto Sheshbazzar, whom he had made captain;

15 and said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that *is* in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built in his place.

16 Then the same Sheshbazzar came *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which *was* in Jerusalem, and since that time until now it is being built, and it is not yet finished.

17 Now, therefore, if *it seems* good to the king, let there be a search made in the king's treasure house, which *is* there in Babylon, whether it is so, that a decree was made by Cyrus, the king, to build this house of God in Jerusalem, and let the king send unto us his will concerning this matter.

Ezra 6

1 ¶ Then Darius, the king, gave a commandment, and a search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

2 And there was found in the coffer of the palace that *is* in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein *was* a record thus written:

3 In the first year of Cyrus, the king, *the same* Cyrus, the king, gave a commandment *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem, that the house be built as a place for sacrifices to be offered, and let the walls thereof be covered; the height thereof sixty cubits, *and* the breadth thereof sixty cubits;

4 the orders, three of stones of marble and one order of new timber and let the expenses be given out of the king's house.

5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which *was* at Jerusalem and brought unto Babylon, be restored and go again unto the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, to his place, and let them be placed in the house of God.

6 Now *therefore*, Tatnai, captain of the other side of the river, Shetharboznai, and your companions, the Apharsachites, who *are* on the other side of the river, remove yourselves from there.

7 Leave the work of this house of God unto the captain of the Jews and to their elders that they may build this house of God in his place.

8 And by me is given the commandment regarding what ye shall do with the elders of these Jews, to build this house of God: that of the king's goods, of the tribute from the other side of the river, the expenses be given unto these men, that they not cease.

9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks and rams and lambs for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests which *are* at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day that they not cease:

10 that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

11 It is also given by my commandment that whoever shall alter this word, let a timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged upon it, and let his house be made a dunghill for this.

12 And the God that has caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people that shall put to their hand to alter *or* to destroy this house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. I Darius have made the decree; let it be done with speed.

13 ¶ Then Tatnai, captain of the other side of the river, Shetharboznai, and their companions, speedily did according to that which Darius, the king, had sent.

14 And the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered according to the prophecy of Haggai, the prophet, and Zechariah, the son of Iddo. They built and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel and according to the commandment of Cyrus and of Darius and of Artaxerxes, king of Persia.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius, the king.

16 And the sons of Israel, the priests and the Levites and the rest of the sons of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,

17 and they offered at the dedication of this house of God one hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and as the sin of all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions and the Levites in their courses over the work of God, which *is* at Jerusalem, as it is written in the book of Moses.

19 And the sons of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth *day* of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them *were* pure, and killed the passover for all the sons of the captivity and for their brethren, the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the sons of Israel who had returned out of captivity and all those who had separated themselves unto them from the uncleanness of the Gentiles of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, ate

22 and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy; for the LORD had made them joyful and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

Ezra 7

1 ¶ Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes, king of Persia, Ezra, the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,
2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,
3 the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,
4 the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,
5 the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the first priest.

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a diligent scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

7 And there went up *some* of the sons of Israel and of the priests and the Levites and the singers and the porters and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes, the king.

8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, in the seventh year of the king.

9 For upon the first of the first month he began to go up from Babylon, and on the first *day* of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD and to do *it* and to teach in Israel *his* statutes and judgments.

11 ¶ Now this *is* the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra, the priest, the scribe, a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD and of his statutes over Israel.

12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra, the priest, perfect scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*, and to Cheenet.

13 By me is given commandment, that any of the people of Israel and *of* his priests and Levites in my realm, who desire of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.

14 For thou art sent on behalf of the king and of his seven counsellors, to inquire of Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which *is* in thy hand,

15 and to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors freely offer unto the God of Israel, whose habitation *is* in Jerusalem,

16 and all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people and of the priests, who offer willingly for the house of their God which *is* in Jerusalem;

17 Therefore, with diligence thou shalt buy with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their presents and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which *is* in Jerusalem.

18 And whatever shall seem good to thee and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God.

19 The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, thou shalt restore before the God of Jerusalem.

20 And whatever else shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have need to bestow, bestow *it* out of the king's treasure house.

21 And by me, Artaxerxes, the king, is given the commandment to all the treasurers who *are* on the other side of the river, that whatever Ezra, the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily,

22 unto one hundred talents of silver and to one hundred measures of wheat and to one hundred baths of wine and to one hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing *how much*.

23 Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be speedily done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

24 Also unto you we cause it to be known, that regarding all of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, and ministers of the house of this God, no one shall be able to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.

25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that *is* in thy hand, set as judges and governors, who govern all the people that *are* on the other side of the river, all such as know the laws of thy God, and teach those that do not know *them*.

26 And whoever will not do the law of thy God and the law of the king, let them be judged speedily, whether *it be* unto death or to banishment or to confiscation of goods or to imprisonment.

27 ¶ Blessed *be* the LORD God of our fathers, who has put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to honour the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem,

28 and has extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors and before all the king's mighty princes. And I, comforted according to the hand of the LORD my God upon me, gathered together the principals of Israel to go up with me.

Ezra 8

1 ¶ These *are* now the heads of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of those that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes, the king:

2 Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershon: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush.

3 Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males one hundred and fifty.

4 Of the sons of Pahathmoab; Elihoenai, the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males.

5 Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

6 Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed, the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiah, the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.

8 And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah, the son of Michael, and with him eighty males.

9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah, the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him one hundred and sixty males.

11 And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah, the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight males.

12 And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan, the son of Hakkatan, and with him one hundred and ten males.

13 And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these: Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them sixty males.

14 Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai and Zabbud and with them seventy males.

15 And I gathered them together to the river that runs to Ahava, and there we encamped three days, and having searched among the people and the

priests, I did not find there any of the sons of Levi.

16 Then I commissioned Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam, principals, also Joiarib and Elnathan, men of understanding;

17 and I sent them unto Iddo, the captain at the place of Casiphia, and I put words in their mouth that they should speak unto Iddo *and* to his brethren, the Nethinims, at the place of Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God.

18 And by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen;

19 and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty;

20 also of the Nethinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the ministry of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name.

21 ¶ Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us and for our little ones and for all our substance.

22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to defend us against the enemy in the way because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* upon all those that seek him for good; but his power and his wrath *is* against all those that forsake him.

23 So we fasted and besought our God for this, and he was intreated of us.

24 ¶ Then I separated twelve of the principals of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 and weighed unto them the silver and the gold and the vessels, the offering for the house of our God, which the king and his counsellors and his princes and all those that were of Israel had offered.

26 I weighed, therefore, unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver and silver vessels of one hundred talents *and* of gold one hundred talents;

27 also twenty basins of gold, of a thousand drams, and two vessels of clean brass, precious as gold.

28 And I said unto them, Ye *are* holiness unto the LORD; the vessels *are* holiness also; and the silver and the gold *are* a freewill offering unto the LORD God of your fathers.

29 Watch and keep *them* until you weigh *them* before the princes of the priests and the Levites and of the princes of the fathers of Israel in Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.

30 The priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver and of the gold and of the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

31 ¶ And we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth of the first month to go to Jerusalem; and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and of such as lay in wait by the way.

32 And we came to Jerusalem and abode there three days.

33 Now on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth, the son of Uriah, the priest; and with him *was* Eleazar, the son of Phinehas; and with them *was* Jozabad, the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah, the son of Binnui, Levites;

34 by number *and* by weight of each one; and all the weight was written at that time.

35 Those that had been carried away, the sons of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, twelve he goats *as* sin; all *this was* a burnt offering unto the LORD.

36 And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants and captains of the other side the river, which favoured the people and the house of God.

Ezra 9

1 ¶ Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites, doing according to their abominations,

2 for they have taken of their daughters for themselves and for their sons, and the holy seed is mingled with the peoples of the lands; and the hand of the princes and of the governors has been foremost in this trespass.

3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle and plucked off of the hair of my head and of my beard and sat down astonished.

4 Then each one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel because of the transgression of those that had been carried away were assembled unto me; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.

5 ¶ And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my affliction; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God

6 and said, O my God, I am confused and ashamed to lift up my face to thee, my God, for our iniquities have multiplied over our head, and our guiltiness is grown up unto heaven.

7 Since the days of our fathers, we *have been* in great guiltiness unto this day; and for our iniquities we, our kings *and* our priests, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to spoil, and to confusion of face, as *it is* this day.

8 And now as *for* a brief moment there has been the mercy of the LORD our God, to leave us an escape, and that we may be given a stake in his holy sanctuary that our God may illuminate our eyes and give us a little preservation of life in our bondage.

9 For we *were* slaves; yet our God did not forsake us in our bondage, but has extended mercy over us before the king of Persia, that we may be given life to lift up the house of our God and to cause the desolations thereof to be restored and to give us a wall of protection in Judah and in Jerusalem.

10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken thy commandments,

11 which thou hast commanded by thy slaves the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land because of the uncleanness of the people of the lands, for the abominations with which they have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness.

12 Now, therefore, do not give your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their prosperity forever, that ye may be strengthened, and eat the good of the land and leave *it* for an inheritance to your sons forever.

13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guiltiness, seeing that thou our God hast intervened that we no longer be oppressed because of our iniquities and hast given us *such* an escape as this,

14 should we again break thy commandments and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? Would thou not be angry with us until thou hadst consumed *us*, so that *there should be* no remnant nor escape?

15 O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* righteous; for we have an escape, as *it is* this day, behold us here, before thee in our guiltiness; for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

Ezra 10

1 ¶ Now as Ezra prayed and confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children; and the people wept very sore.

2 Then Shechaniah, the son of Jehiel, *one* of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have rebelled against our God and have taken strange women of the peoples of the land, but there is yet hope for Israel concerning this thing.

3 Now, therefore, let us make a covenant with our God to send away all the women and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of the Lord and of those that fear the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

4 Arise; for *this* matter *belongs* unto thee; we also *will be* with thee: be of good courage, and do *it*.

5 Then Ezra arose and made the princes of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel, swear that they should do according to this word. And they swore.

6 ¶ Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God and went into the chamber of Johanan, the son of Eliashib; and *when* he came there, he ate no bread, nor drank water; for he mourned because of the transgression of those that had been carried away.

7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the sons of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem

8 and that whoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and of the elders, all his substance should be forfeited and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

9 Thus were all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth of the month; and all the people sat in the plaza of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter and because of the rains.

10 And Ezra, the priest, stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed because ye have taken strange women, thus increasing the guiltiness of Israel.

11 Now, therefore, make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers and do his will; and separate yourselves from the peoples of the lands and from the strange women.

12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, Let it be done according to thy word.

13 But the people *are* many, and *it is* a time of much rain, and there is no strength to stand in the street; neither *is this* a work of one day or two; for we are many that have transgressed in this thing.

14 Let our rulers of all the congregation now stand, and let all those who have taken strange women in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of each city and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter is turned from us.

15 ¶ Jonathan, the son of Asahel, and Jahaziah, the son of Tikvah, were placed over this matter; and Meshullam and Shabbethai, the Levites, helped them.

16 And the sons of the captivity did so. And Ezra, the priest, and the men who were the heads of the fathers in the house of their fathers were separated, all of them by *their* names, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to inquire into the matter.

17 And they finished, with all the men that had taken strange women by the first day of the first month.

18 And among the sons of the priests that had taken strange women these were found: Of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and of his brethren: Maaseiah and Eliezer, and Jarib and Gedaliah.

19 And they gave their hands that they would send away their women; and *being* guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock for their guiltiness.

20 And of the sons of Immer; Hanani and Zebadiah.

21 And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uziah.

22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

23 And of the sons of the Levites; Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah, (the same is Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 And of the singers; Eliashib; and of the porters; Shallum, Telem, and Uri.

25 Likewise of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, Jeziah, Malchiah, Miamin, Eleazar, Malchijah, and Benaiah.

26 And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza.

28 And of the sons of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, *and* Athlai.

29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, and Ramoth.

30 And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, Binnui, and Manasseh.

31 And of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, *and* Shemariah.

33 Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, *and* Shimei.

34 Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,

38 Bani, Binnui, Shimei,

39 Shelemiah, Nathan, and Adaiah,

40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

41 Azareel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joseph.

43 And of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, Joel, and Benaiah.

44 All these had taken strange women, and there were women of theirs who had given birth to sons.

The Book of
Nehemiah

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Nehemiah 1

1 ¶ The words of Nehemiah, the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan, the palace,

2 that Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in great affliction and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem *is* broken down, and its gates are burned with fire.

4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept and mourned *certain* days and fasted and prayed before the God of the heavens

5 ¶ and said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of the heavens, strong, great and terrible, who keeps covenant and mercy for those that love thee and observe thy commandments;

6 let thine ear now be attentive and thine eyes open, that thou may hear the prayer of thy slave, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the sons of Israel, thy slaves, and I confess the sins of the sons of Israel, with which we have sinned against thee; both I and my father's house have sinned.

7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee and have not kept the commandments nor the statutes nor the judgments, which thou didst command thy slave Moses.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou didst command thy slave Moses, saying, *If* ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the peoples;

9 but *if* ye turn unto me and keep my commandments and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heavens, *yet* will I gather them from there and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to cause my name to dwell there.

10 Now these *are* thy slaves and thy people, whom thou hast ransomed with thy great power and with thy strong hand.

11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy slave and to the prayer of thy slaves who desire to fear thy name; and prosper, I pray thee, thy slave this day, and grant him grace before this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

Nehemiah 2

1 ¶ And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes, the king, *that as* wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave *it* unto the king. And as I had not been sad before in his presence,

2 the king said unto me, Why *is* thy countenance sad, seeing thou *art* not sick? This *is* nothing *else* but brokenness of heart. Then I was very sore afraid

3 and said unto the king, Let the king live for ever; why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the house of my fathers' sepulchres, *lies* waste, and its gates are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of the heavens.

5 And I said unto the king, If it pleases the king, and if thy slave has found favour in thy sight, that thou would send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may rebuild it.

6 Then the king said unto me (the queen also sitting by him), For how long shall thy journey be, and when wilt thou return? So the matter pleased the king, and he sent me; and I set him a time.

7 Moreover, I said unto the king, If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the captains on the other side of the river, that they may convey me over until I come into Judah,

8 and a letter unto Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace of the house and for the wall of the city and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of the LORD upon me.

9 ¶ Then I came to the captains of the other side of the river and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent princes of the army and horsemen with me.

10 When Sanballat, the Horonite, and Tobiah, the slave, the Ammonite, heard *of it*, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the sons of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither did I tell *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; neither was *there any* beast with me, except the beast that I rode upon.

13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the fountain of the dragon and to the dung port and considered the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and its gates were consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain and to the king's pool, but *there was* no place for the beast *that was* under me to pass.

15 Then went I up in the night by the brook and considered the wall and turned back and entered by the gate of the valley and so returned.

16 And the rulers did not know where I had gone or what I had done; neither had I as yet told *it* to the Jews nor to the priests nor to the nobles nor to the rulers nor to the rest that did the work.

17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lies* waste and its gates are burned with fire; come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no longer in reproach.

18 Then I told them how the hand of my God was good upon me and likewise the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they comforted their hands for good.

19 But when Sanballat, the Horonite, and Tobiah, the slave, the Ammonite, and Geshem, the Arabian, heard *it*, they laughed us to scorn and despised us and said, What is this thing that ye do? Will ye rebel against the king?

20 Then I gave them a reply and said unto them, The God of the heavens, he will prosper us; therefore, we, his slaves, will arise and build; but ye have no portion nor righteousness, nor memorial in Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 3

1 ¶ Then Eliashib, the high priest, rose up with his brethren, the priests, and they built the sheep gate; they sanctified it and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel.

2 And next unto him the men of Jericho built. And next to them built Zaccur, the son of Imri.

3 And the sons of Hassenaah built the fish gate; they laid its beams and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars.

4 And next to them Meremoth, the son of Urijah, the son of Koz restored. And next to them Meshullam, the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel restored. And next to them Zadok, the son of Baana, restored.

5 And next to them the Tekoites restored; but their nobles did not put their necks to the work of their Lord.

6 Moreover, the old gate *was* restored by Jehoiada, the son of Paseah, and Meshullam, the son of Besodeiah; they laid its beams and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars.

7 And next to them restored Melatiah, the Gibeonite, and Jadon, the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, on behalf of the captain *of the king over the land* on this side the river.

8 Next to them Uzziel, the son of Harhaiah, of the refiners restored. Next unto him Hananiah, the son of *one of* the apothecaries, also restored, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.

9 And next unto them Rephaiah, the son of Hur, prince of the half part of Jerusalem, restored.

10 And next unto them, Jedaiah, the son of Harumaph restored, and over against his house. And next unto him Hattush, the son of Hashabniah, restored.

11 Malchijah, the son of Harim, and Hashub, the son of Pahathmoab, restored the other piece and the tower of the furnaces.

12 And next to them restored Shallum, the son of Haloresh, prince of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

13 The valley gate *was* restored *by* Hanun with the inhabitants of Zanoah; they rebuilt it and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars, and a thousand cubits in the wall unto the dung gate.

14 And Malchiah, the son of Rechab, prince of the province of Bethhaccerem, restored the dung gate; he built it and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars.

15 Shallun, the son of Colhozeh, the prince of the region of Mizpah, restored the gate of the fountain; he built it, covered it, and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars, and the wall of the pool of Siloah of the king's garden, unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.

16 After him restored Nehemiah, the son of Azbuk, the prince of half the region of Bethzur, unto *the place* over against the sepulchres of David and to the pool that was made and unto the house of the mighty.

17 After him restored the Levites, Rehum, the son of Bani. Next unto him Hashabiah, prince of half the region of Keilah, restored in his part.

18 After him their brethren, Bavai, the son of Henadad, prince of the half the region of Keilah restored.

19 And next to him Ezer, the son of Jeshua, prince of Mizpah, restored another piece over against the going up to the armoury at the turning *of the wall*.

20 After him Baruch, the son of Zabbai, earnestly restored the other piece, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of the house of Eliashib, the high priest.

21 After him, Meremoth, the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, restored another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him the priests, the men of the plain, restored.

23 After them Benjamin and Hashub restored over against their house. After them Azariah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, restored by his house.

24 After him, Binnui, the son of Henadad, restored another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning *of the wall*, even unto the corner.

25 Palal, the son of Uzai, over against the turning *of the wall*, and the tower which lies out from the king's high house, that *was* by the court of the

prison. After him Pedaiah, the son of Parosh.

26 And the Nethinims were in Ophel, {Heb. the fortress} unto *the place* over against the water gate toward the east and the tower that lies out.

27 After them the Tekoites restored another piece, over against the great tower that lies out, unto the wall of Ophel.

28 From the horse gate the priests restored, each one over against his house.

29 After them Zadok, the son of Immer, restored over against his house. After him, Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate restored.

30 After him, Hananiah, the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, restored another piece. After him Meshullam, the son of Berechiah restored over against his chamber.

31 After him, Malchiah, the son of the refiner, restored unto the place of the Nethinims and of the merchants, over against the gate of judgment {Heb. Miphkad} and to the going up of the corner.

32 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate, the refiners and the merchants restored.

Nehemiah 4

1 ¶ But it came to pass that when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was wroth and took great indignation and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria and said, What are these feeble Jews doing? Is this to be permitted them? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish on time? Will they resurrect the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which were burned?

3 Now Tobiah, the Ammonite, *was* by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox *were to* go up *it*, he would break down their stone wall.

4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised; and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of their captivity.

5 And do not cover their iniquity, nor let their sin be blotted out from before thee, for they have become angry against the builders.

6 But we built the wall, and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof, for the people were motivated to work.

7 ¶ And it came to pass when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabians and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were sound *and* that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth

8 and conspired all of them together to come *and* to fight against Jerusalem and to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless, we made our prayer unto our God and set a watch over the *builders* day and night because of them.

10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and *there is* much rubbish so that we are not able to build the wall.

11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know or see until we come in the midst among them and slay them and cause the work to cease.

12 But it came to pass, that when the Jews who dwelt among them came, they advised us ten times of all the places from which they would come upon us.

13 Therefore, I set in the lower places behind the wall, *and* on the higher places, I set the people by families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

14 Then I looked and rose up and said unto the nobles and to the rulers and to the rest of the people, Do not be afraid of them: remember the Lord, *who is great and terrible*, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

15 And it came to pass when our enemies heard that we had understood it, God brought their counsel to nought, *and* we returned all of us to the wall, each one unto his work.

16 ¶ And it came to pass from that time forth *that* half of the young men wrought in the work, and the other half of them held spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail; and the princes *were* behind all the house of Judah.

17 Those that built on the wall and those that bore burdens and those that laded wrought with one hand in the work and with the other held a weapon.

18 For the builders, each one had his sword girded by his side, and so they built. And he that sounded the shofar *was* by me.

19 And I said unto the principals and to the rulers and to the rest of the people, The work *is* great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.

20 In whatever place that you hear the voice of the shofar, join us there; our God shall fight for us.

21 So we laboured in the work, and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning until the stars appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let each one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that by night they may be a guard to us, and labour by day.

23 So neither I nor my brethren nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us put off our clothes, each one put them off *only* for washing.

Nehemiah 5

1 ¶ Then there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren, the Jews.

2 For there were *some* that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, *are* many; therefore we have bought grain that we may eat and live.

3 There were also *some* that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy grain because of the famine.

4 And there were *some* that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, *and that* upon our lands and vineyards.

5 Yet now, *given* that the flesh of our brethren *is* as our flesh *and* their sons as our sons, behold, we subject our sons and our daughters to slavery, and there are *some* of our daughters in bondage *already*; neither *is it* in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards.

6 ¶ And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

7 Then I meditated unto myself, and I rebuked the principals and the rulers and said unto them, Does each one of you exact usury of his brother? And I set a great assembly against them.

8 And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren, the Jews who had been sold unto the Gentiles; and will ye even sell your brethren? And shall they be sold unto us? Then they remained silent, for they had nothing to answer.

9 Also I said, What you do is not good, do you not walk in the fear of our God, that ye not be the reproach of our enemies the Gentiles?

10 I, likewise, *and* my brethren and my servants, have lent them money and grain; let us now release them from this burden.

11 Restore, I pray you, to them, today, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, and *even* the hundredth *part* of the money, and of the grain, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

12 Then they said, We will return *it* and will require nothing of them; so we will do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests and caused them to swear that they should do according to this promise.

13 Also I shook my lap and said, Thus will God shake out each man from his house and from his labour, that does not perform this promise, even thus shall he be shaken out and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

14 ¶ Moreover, from the day that I was appointed *by the king* to be their captain in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes, the king, *that is*, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the captain.

15 But the former captains that *had been* before me had charged the people and had taken of them for bread and wine, upon forty shekels of silver; and in addition to this their servants bore rule over the people; but I did not do so because of the fear of God.

16 In addition to this, I restored my part in the work of this wall, neither did we buy any inheritance; and all my servants *were* gathered together unto the work.

17 I also had at my table one hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, besides those that came unto us from among the Gentiles that *are* around us.

18 Now *that* which was prepared for each day *was* one ox *and* six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and every ten days wine in all abundance; yet with all this I did not require the bread of the captain because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

19 Remember me, my God, for good and all that I have done for this people.

Nehemiah 6

1 ¶ Now it came to pass when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem, the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had built the wall and *that* there was no breach left in it (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates),

2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in *one of* the villages in the plain of Ono. But they had thought to do me evil.

3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I *am* doing a great work so that I cannot come down; why should the work cease, whilst I leave it and come down to you?

4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort, and I answered them after the same manner.

5 Then Sanballat sent his slave to say the same thing for the fifth time with an open letter in his hand,

6 in which *was* written, It is reported among the Gentiles, and Gashmu saith *it, that* thou and the Jews think to rebel, for which cause thou dost build the wall, that thou may be their king, according to these words.

7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah! And now these words shall be heard by the king. Come now, therefore, and let us take counsel together.

8 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou dost feign them out of thine own heart.

9 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it not be done. Now, therefore, *O God*, strengthen my hands.

10 ¶ Afterward I came in secret unto the house of Shemaiah, the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for they are coming to slay thee; yea, tonight they will come to slay thee.

11 Then I said, Should such a man as I flee? And who is there as I who could go into the temple and live? I will not go in.

12 And I perceived that God had not sent him, but that he pronounced this prophecy against me, for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 For he was bribed to make me be thus afraid and sin and *that* they might have *matter* for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works and on the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets, that *did things* to put me in fear.

15 ¶ So the wall was finished the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days.

16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard *of it*, all the Gentiles that *were* about us feared, and they were much cast down in their own eyes, and they knew that this work was wrought of our God.

17 Likewise, in those days the principals of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came unto them.

18 For *there were* many in Judah sworn unto him, because he *was* the son-in-law of Shechaniah, the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam, the son of Berechiah.

19 They also reported his good deeds before me and uttered my words to him. *And* Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

Nehemiah 7

1 ¶ Now it came to pass, when the wall was built and I had set up the doors and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

2 that I commanded my brother Hanani, and Hananiah, the prince of the palace in Jerusalem (for he was as a man of truth and feared God above many);

3 and I said unto them, Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot and even *with* the *guards* present, let them shut the doors and bar *them*. And appoint guards of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, each one in his watch and each one *to be* in front of his house.

4 Now the city *was* large and great, but there were few people in it, and the houses *were* not rebuilt.

5 ¶ And my God put *it* into my heart to gather together the principals and the rulers and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found the register of the genealogy of those who had come up before and found written therein:

6 These *are* the sons of the province, that came up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, had carried away and returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, each one unto his city,

7 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, *and* Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

8 The sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.

9 The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two.

10 The sons of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two.

11 The sons of Pahathmoab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred *and* eighteen.

12 The sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.

13 The sons of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-five.

14 The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.

15 The sons of Binnui, six hundred and forty-eight.

- 16 The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-eight.
- 17 The sons of Azgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty-two.
- 18 The sons of Adonikam, six hundred and seventy-seven.
- 19 The sons of Bigvai, two thousand sixty-seven.
- 20 The sons of Adin, six hundred and fifty-five.
- 21 The sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight.
- 22 The sons of Hashum, three hundred and twenty-eight.
- 23 The sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-four.
- 24 The sons of Hariph, one hundred and twelve.
- 25 The sons of Gibeon, ninety-five.
- 26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, one hundred and eighty-eight.
- 27 The men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight.
- 28 The men of Bethazmaveth, forty-two.
- 29 The men of Kirjathjearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three.
- 30 The men of Ramah and of Geba, six hundred and twenty-one.
- 31 The men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two.
- 32 The men of Bethel and Ai, one hundred and twenty-three.
- 33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty-two.
- 34 The sons of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.
- 35 The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
- 36 The sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five.
- 37 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-one.
- 38 The sons of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.
- 39 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three.
- 40 The sons of Immer, one thousand fifty-two.
- 41 The sons of Pashur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven.
- 42 The sons of Harim, one thousand and seventeen.
- 43 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the sons of Hodevah, seventy-four.

44 The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and forty-eight.

45 The porters: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, one hundred thirty-eight.

46 The Nethinims: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hashupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,

47 the sons of Keros, the sons of Sia, the sons of Padon,

48 the sons of Lebana, the sons of Hagaba, the sons of Shalmal,

49 the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,

50 the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,

51 the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Phaseah,

52 the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephishesim,

53 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,

54 the sons of Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,

55 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah,

56 the sons of Nezhiah, the sons of Hatipha.

57 The sons of Solomon's slaves: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Perida,

58 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,

59 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, the sons of Amon.

60 All the Nethinims, and the sons of Solomon's slaves, *were* three hundred and ninety-two.

61 And these *were* they which came up *also* from Telmelah, Telharesha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer; but they could not show their father's house, nor their seed, whether they *were* of Israel.

62 The sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two.

63 And of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the sons of Barzillai, who took *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

64 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found; therefore, were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

65 And the Tirshatha said unto them that they should not eat of the most holy things until there stood *up* a priest with Urim and Thummim.

66 The whole congregation *united* as one *man* was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,

67 not counting their menslaves and their maidslaves, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred and forty-five men and women singers.

68 Their horses, seven hundred and thirty-six; their mules, two hundred and forty-five:

69 *Their* camels, four hundred and thirty-five; *their* asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

70 And some of the princes of the families gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave for the treasure one thousand drams of gold, fifty basins, and five hundred and thirty priests' garments.

71 And the princes of the families gave for the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold and two thousand two hundred pounds of silver.

72 And *that* which the rest of the people gave *was* twenty thousand drams of gold and two thousand pounds of silver and sixty-seven priests' garments.

73 So the priests and the Levites and the porters and the singers and *those* of the people and the Nethinims and all Israel dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the sons of Israel *were* in their cities.

Nehemiah 8

1 ¶ And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the plaza that *was* before the water gate, and they spoke unto Ezra, the scribe, to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

2 And Ezra, the priest, brought the law before the congregation, both of men and women and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read in the *book* before the plaza that *was* before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* unto the book of the law.

4 And Ezra, the scribe, stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Urijah, Hilkihah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchiah, Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people (for he was above all the people), and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

6 and Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands; and they humbled themselves and worshipped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

7 And Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, *and* Pelaiah, Levites, caused the people to *be silent* that they might understand the law; and the people *were* in their place.

8 So they read in the book in the law of God clearly and paid attention, and understood the reading.

9 ¶ And Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, and Ezra, the priest and scribe, and the Levites that caused the people to be attentive, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, Go, eat the fat, and drink sweet wine, and send portions unto those who have nothing prepared; for *this* day is holy unto our

Lord, and not sad; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

11 So the Levites caused all the people to be silent, saying, Be silent, for the day *is* holy; neither be ye sad.

12 And all the people went to eat and to drink and to send portions and to rejoice with great joy because they had understood the words that were taught unto them.

13 ¶ And on the next day the princes of the families of all the people, the priests, and the Levites were gathered together unto Ezra, the scribe, to understand the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law, which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the sons of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month

15 and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount and bring olive branches and pine branches and myrtle branches and palm branches and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written.

16 So the people went forth and brought *them* and made themselves booths, each one upon the roof of his house and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God and in the plaza of the water gate and in the plaza of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of those that returned out of the captivity made booths and dwelt in the booths, for since the days of Jeshua, the son of Nun, unto that day, the sons of Israel had not done so. And there was very great joy.

18 And Ezra read in the book of the law of God each day, from the first day unto the last day. And they kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day *was* a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

Nehemiah 9

1 ¶ Now in the twenty-fourth day of this month, the sons of Israel were assembled with fasting and with sackcloth and earth upon them.

2 And the seed of Israel had separated themselves from all strangers and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God *one* fourth part of the day; and *another* fourth part they confessed and worshipped the LORD their God.

4 ¶ Then stood up upon the stairs of the Levites, Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah said, Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God for ever and ever; and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 Thou, O LORD, art alone; thou hast made the heavens and the heavens of the heavens, with all their host, the earth and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas and all that *is* therein, and thou givest life to them all; and the host of the heavens worship thee.

7 Thou art, O LORD, the God who didst choose Abram and didst bring him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees and didst give him the name of Abraham

8 and didst find his heart faithful before thee and didst make a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, to give *it*, to his seed and hast performed thy word; for thou *art* righteous.

9 And thou didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and didst hear their cry by the Red Sea

10 and didst show signs and wonders upon Pharaoh and on all his slaves and on all the people of his land; for thou didst know that they had dealt proudly against them. So didst thou make thee a name, as *it is* this day.

11 And thou didst divide the sea before them so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou didst throw into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.

12 Moreover, thou didst lead them by day with a pillar of cloud and by night with a pillar of fire to give them light in the way by which they should go.

13 Thou didst come down upon Mount Sinai and didst speak with them from heaven and didst give them right judgments and true laws, good statutes and commandments,

14 and didst make known unto them the sabbath of thy holiness and didst prescribe for them commandments, statutes, and law by the hand of Moses, thy slave.

15 And thou didst give them bread from heaven in their hunger and didst bring forth water for them out of the rock in their thirst and didst promise them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly and hardened their necks and did not hearken unto thy commandments

17 and refused to hear; neither did they remember thy wonders that thou hadst done among them, but hardened their necks and in their rebellion *thought* to appoint a leader to return to their bondage; but thou *art* a God of pardons, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great mercy, for thou didst not leave them.

18 Even when they had made themselves a molten calf and said, This *is* thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had committed great abominations;

19 yet thou in thy manifold mercies didst not forsake them in the wilderness; the pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither did the pillar of fire by night, to illuminate the way in which they should go.

20 Thou didst give thy good spirit to teach them and didst not withhold thy manna from their mouth and didst give them water for their thirst.

21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness *so that* they lacked nothing; their clothes did not wax old, and their feet did not swell.

22 Thou didst give them kingdoms and peoples and didst divide them into corners; so they possessed the land of Sihon and the land of the king of Heshbon and the land of Og, king of Bashan.

23 Thou didst multiply their sons as the stars of heaven and didst introduce them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers,

that they should go in to inherit *it*.

24 So the sons came in and possessed the land, and thou didst humble the inhabitants of the land before them, the Canaanites, and didst give them into their hand, with their kings and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

25 And they took strong cities and fertile land and inherited houses full of all goods, hewn cisterns, vineyards and oliveyards and many trees of good fruit; so they ate and were filled and became fat and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

26 Nevertheless, they were contentious and rebelled against thee and cast thy law behind their backs and slew thy prophets who testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great abominations.

27 Therefore, thou didst deliver them into the hand of their enemies, who afflicted them; and in the time of their tribulation, they cried unto thee, thou didst hear *them* from the heavens; and according to thy manifold mercies thou didst give them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee; therefore, thou didst leave them in the hand of their enemies so that they had the dominion over them; yet when they returned and cried unto thee, thou didst hear *them* from the heavens; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies

29 and didst protest unto them, that they return unto thy law; yet they dealt proudly and did not hearken unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments (which if a man shall do, in them he shall live) and withdrew the shoulder and hardened their neck and would not hear.

30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them and didst protest against them with thy spirit by the hand of thy prophets; yet they did not hear; therefore, thou didst give them into the hand of the peoples of the land.

31 Nevertheless, for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them nor forsake them; for thou *art* a gracious and merciful God.

32 Now, therefore, our God, the great, mighty, and terrible God, who keeps covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that has come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, on our priests, on our prophets,

on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.

33 Howbeit thou *art* just in all that has come upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly;

34 neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, with which thou didst testify against them.

35 For they did not serve thee in their kingdom and in thy great goodness that thou didst give them and in the large and fat land which thou didst deliver before them; neither did they turn from their wicked works.

36 Behold, we *are* slaves this day, behold us here, slaves in the land which thou didst give unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof.

37 And it multiplies its fruit for the kings, whom thou hast set over us because of our sins, who have dominion over our bodies and over our cattle, according to their will, and we *are* in great distress.

38 And because of all this, we make a sure *covenant* and write *it*; and our princes, Levites, *and* priests seal *unto it*.

Nehemiah 10

1 ¶ Now those that sealed *were*, Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,
2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,
4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, *and* Shemaiah: these *were* priests.
9 And the Levites: both Jeshua, the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;
10 and their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,
11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,
12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.
14 The heads of the people; Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zaththu, Bani,
15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,
18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,
19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,
23 Hosea, Hananiah, Hashub,
24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,
25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,
26 Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all those that had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge and having understanding;

29 Strengthened with their brethren, their nobles, they came forward in an oath with a curse that they would walk in God's law, which was given by the hand of Moses, the slave of God, and observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;

30 and that we would not give our daughters unto the peoples of the land nor take their daughters for our sons.

31 Likewise that if the peoples of the land bring merchandise or any food on the sabbath day to sell, *that* we would not take anything from them on the sabbath or on the holy day, and *that* we would leave the seventh year and remit every debt.

32 ¶ Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God,

33 for the showbread and for the continual present and for the continual burnt offering, and of the sabbaths and of the new moons, for the appointed feasts and for the holy *things* and for the *atonement for* sin to reconcile Israel and *for* all the work of the house of our God.

34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, regarding the wood offering, to bring *it* into the house of our God, according to the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as *it is* written in the law.

35 And that each year we would bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, unto the house of the LORD.

36 Likewise, the firstborn of our sons and of our beasts, as *it is* written in the law and that we would bring the firstlings of our cows and of our sheep to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God.

37 And *that* we would also bring the firstfruits of our dough and of our offerings and the fruit of every tree, of the wine and of the oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God, and the tithe of our ground

unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tenths of our labours in all the cities.

38 And that the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes; and the Levites shall offer the tithe of the tithes in the house of our God, to the chambers, in the treasure house.

39 For the sons of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, unto the chambers where *are* the vessels of the sanctuary and the priests that minister and the porters and the singers; and we will not forsake the house of our God.

Nehemiah 11

1 ¶ And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; but the rest of the people cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city and nine parts *to dwell* in the *other* cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

3 Now these *are* the heads of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem; but in the cities of Judah each one dwelt in his possession in their cities, of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinims, and of the sons of Solomon's slaves.

4 And at Jerusalem dwelt *certain* of the sons of Judah and of the sons of Benjamin. Of the sons of Judah: Athaiah, the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the sons of Perez;

5 and Maaseiah, the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men.

7 And these *are* the sons of Benjamin: Sallu, the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah.

8 And after him Gabbai *and* Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight.

9 And Joel, the son of Zichri, *was* their overseer; and Judah, the son of Senuah, *was* second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.

11 Seraiah, the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, prince of the house of God,

12 and their brethren that did the work of the house *were* eight hundred and twenty-two; and Adaiah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah,

13 and his brethren, princes of families, two hundred and forty-two; and Amashai, the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 and their brethren, mighty men of valour, one hundred and twenty-eight; and their captain was Zabdiel, the son of Gedolim.

15 And of the Levites: Shemaiah, the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the principals of the Levites, overseers of the exterior work of the house of God.

17 And Mattaniah, the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer; and Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren, and Abda, the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred and eighty-four.

19 Moreover, the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren, guards at the gates, were one hundred and seventy-two.

20 ¶ And the residue of Israel, of the priests *and* the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, each one in his inheritance.

21 And the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel, {Heb. the fortress} and Ziha and Gispa were over the Nethinims.

22 The overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi, the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha of singers, the sons of Asaph, over the work of the house of God.

23 For *there* was a commandment of the king concerning them and a determination of the singers for each day.

24 And Pethahiah, the son of Meshezabeel, of the sons of Zerah, the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And *regarding* the villages with their lands, *some* of the sons of Judah dwelt in Kirjatharba and *in* its villages and in Dibon and *in* its villages and in Jekabzeel and *in* its villages,

26 and in Jeshua and in Moladah and in Bethphelet

27 and in Hazarshual and in Beersheba and *in* its villages

28 and in Ziklag and in Mekonah and in its villages,

29 and in Enrimmon and in Zareah and in Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and *in* their villages, in Lachish and its lands, in Azekah and *in* its villages. And they dwelt from Beersheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

31 The sons of Benjamin from Geba *dwelt* in Michmash and Aiya and Bethel and *in* their villages

32 *and* in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

36 And of the Levites *there were* divisions *in* Judah, *and* in Benjamin.

Nehemiah 12

1 ¶ Now these *are* the priests and the Levites that came up with Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel and with Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

4 Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,

5 Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah,

7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, *and* Jedaiah. These *were* the princes of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

8 And the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah, who with his brethren officiated in the songs of praise.

9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, *were* before them in the watches.

10 And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada,

11 Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

12 And in the days of Joiakim the priests, the heads of the families were of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

19 of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

21 of Hilkiyah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

22 The Levites in the days of Eliashib, of Joiada and of Johanan and *of* Jaddua, *were* recorded as heads of families; also the priests, until the reign

of Darius, the Persian.

23 The sons of Levi, heads of families, *were* written in the book of the chronicles, until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

24 The heads of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, Jeshua, the son of Kadmiel, and their brethren before them, to praise *and* to give thanks, according to the statute of David, the man of God, keeping each one their ward.

25 Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, *and* Akkub *were* porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.

26 These *were* in the days of Joiakim, the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the captain, and of Ezra, the priest *and* scribe.

27 ¶ And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgiving and with singing, *with* cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.

28 And the sons of the singers were gathered together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem and from the villages of Netophathi;

29 also from the house of Gilgal and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built themselves villages round about Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves and purified the people and the gates and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall and appointed two great choirs *which went* in procession, *one* went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate.

32 And after them went Hoshai and half of the princes of Judah,

33 and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam,

34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, and Jeremiah;

35 and *certain* of the priests' sons with trumpets: *namely*, Zechariah, the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph;

36 and his brethren, Shemaiah, Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, Judah, and Hanani, with the musical instruments of David, the man of God, and Ezra, the scribe, before them.

37 And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, from the house of David unto the water gate eastward.

38 And the second choir went over against *them*, and I after them with half of the people upon the wall, from the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall,

39 and from the gate of Ephraim, to the old gate, and to the fish gate, to the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, unto the sheep gate; and they stood still in the gate of the guards.

40 Then the two choirs stood in the house of God, and I and half of the rulers with me;

41 and the priests: Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah, with trumpets;

42 and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah *their* overseer.

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women also and the children rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 ¶ And at that time men were appointed over the chambers of the treasures, of the offerings, of the firstfruits, and of the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the legal portions for the priests and the Levites; for the joy of Judah was upon the priests and the Levites that served.

45 And they kept the ward of their God and the ward of the purification, and the singers and the porters, according to the statute of David *and* of Solomon, his son.

46 For from the time of David and Asaph of old *there were* princes of the singers, and songs and praise and thanksgiving unto God.

47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, each thing in its day; and they sanctified *them* unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified *them* unto the sons of Aaron.

Nehemiah 13

1 ¶ On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and it was found written therein that the Ammonites and the Moabites should not come into the congregation of God forever

2 because they did not meet the sons of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them; howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 And before this, Eliashib, the priest, had been the overseer of the chamber of the house of our God, *and was* related to Tobiah,

5 and he had prepared for him a great chamber, where before they had kept the present, the frankincense, the vessels, the tithe of the grain, of the new wine, and of the oil, which was commanded *to be given* to the Levites, to the singers and the porters and the offerings of the priests.

6 But in all this *time* I was not at Jerusalem; for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes, king of Babylon, I went unto the king, and after certain days I was sent by the king.

7 And I came to Jerusalem and understood the evil that Eliashib had done attending Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it grieved me sore; therefore, I cast forth all the household vessels of Tobiah out of the chamber.

9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers; and I caused the vessels of the house of God to be brought there again, with the present and the frankincense.

10 ¶ And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given *to them* and that the Levites and the singers, that did the work, had fled each one to his inheritance.

11 Then I contended with the rulers and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together and set them in their place.

12 Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, of the new wine, and of the oil unto the store houses.

13 And I made treasurers over the store houses, Shelemiah, the priest, and Zadok, the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and next to them *was* Hanan, the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were counted faithful, and their office *was* to distribute unto their brethren.

14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my mercies that I have done for the house of my God and for its wards.

15 ¶ In those days I saw in Judah *some* treading wine presses on the sabbath and bringing in sheaves and lading asses with wine, grapes, figs, and all *manner of* burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day; and I protested *unto them* the day in which they sold the food.

16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, who brought fish and all manner of merchandise, and sold on the sabbath to the sons of Judah in Jerusalem.

17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah and said unto them, What evil thing *is* this that ye do and profane thus the sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers do this, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us and upon this city? Yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

19 And it came to pass, that when shadow came to the gates of Jerusalem before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut and charged that they should not be opened until after the sabbath; and I set *some* of my servants at the gates, *that* no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.

20 So the merchants and sellers of all kinds of merchandise lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I testified and protested against them and said unto them, Why do ye lodge about the wall? If ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth they came no *more* on the sabbath.

22 And I told the Levites that they should cleanse themselves and *that* they should come *and* guard the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

23 ¶ In those days I also saw Jews *that* had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, *and* of Moab;

24 and their sons spoke half in the speech of Ashdod, and according to the language of each people; for they could not speak in the Jews' language.

25 And I contended with them and cursed them and smote certain of them and plucked off their hair and made them swear by God, *saying*, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

26 Did not Solomon, king of Israel, sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel; nevertheless, strange women caused even him to offend.

27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange women?

28 And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib, the high priest, was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite; therefore, I chased him from me.

29 Remember them, O my God because they have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites.

30 Thus I cleansed them from all strangers and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, each one in his work,

31 and for the wood offering, at the appointed times, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

The Book of
Esther

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Esther 1

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus (this *is* Ahasuerus who reigned from India even unto Ethiopia *over* one hundred and twenty-seven provinces)

2 *That* in those days, when the King Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shushan, the palace,

3 In the third year of his reign, he made a banquet unto all his princes and his slaves, *having* before him the power of Persia and Media, the governors and princes of the provinces,

4 to show them the riches of the glory of his kingdom and the honour of beauty of his greatness for many days, *even* one hundred and eighty days.

5 And when these days were expired, the king made a banquet unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, for seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace.

6 *There were* white, green, and blue *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble; the beds *were of* gold and silver, upon a pavement of porphyre and of marble and of alabaster and of blue.

7 And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold (the vessels being diverse one from another) and royal wine in abundance, according to the power of the king.

8 And the drink *was* according to this law: let no one constrain themselves; for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house that they should

do according to the will of each one.

9 Likewise Vashti, the queen, made a banquet for the women *in* the royal house of King Ahasuerus.

10 ¶ On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven eunuchs that served in the presence of Ahasuerus, the king,

11 to bring Vashti, the queen, before the king with the crown of the kingdom, to show the people and the princes her beauty, for she *was* fair to behold.

12 But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's word by *his* eunuchs; therefore, the king was very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

13 Then the king asked the wise men, who knew the times, (for so *was* the king's manner toward all that knew *about* the law and rights,

14 and the next to him *was* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, *and* who sat first in the kingdom;)

15 What shall we do unto Queen Vashti according to law because she has not performed the decree of King Ahasuerus by the eunuchs?

16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti, the queen, has not only committed iniquity against the king, but also against all the princes and against all the people that *are* in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus.

17 For *this* deed of the queen shall be *known* abroad unto all the women so that they shall despise their husbands, saying, King Ahasuerus commanded Vashti, the queen, to be brought in before him, but she did not come.

18 And now the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard of the deed of the queen shall say *this* unto all the king's princes, and *there shall be* much contempt and wrath.

19 If it pleases the king, let there go forth a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it not be altered, That Vashti come no more before King Ahasuerus, and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.

20 And this sentence which the king shall make shall be heard throughout all his empire, although it is great, and all the wives shall give their husbands honour, from the greatest to the least.

21 And this word pleased the king and the princes, and the king did according to the word of Memucan;

22 for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, saying, That every man should bear rule in his own house and that *it* should be published according to the language of every people.

Esther 2

1 ¶ After these things, when the wrath of King Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti and what she had done and what was decreed against her.

2 Then the king's servants that ministered unto him said, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king,

3 and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan, the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege, the king's eunuch, keeper of the women; and let them be given that which is necessary for *their* purification;

4 and let the maiden which pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king, and he did so.

5 Now in Shushan, the palace, there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite;

6 who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah, king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, had carried away.

7 And he had brought up Hadassah, that *is*, Esther, his uncle's daughter; for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid *was* fair and beautiful; and as her father and mother were dead, Mordecai had taken her for his own daughter.

8 So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan, the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

9 And the maiden pleased him, and she found mercy before him; and he speedily gave her that which was necessary for purification and her rations, and seven maidens, *which were* meet to be given her out of the king's house; and he moved her and her maids into the best *place* of the house of the women.

10 Esther had not declared her people nor her birth, for Mordecai had charged her that she should not declare *it*.

11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house to know the peace of Esther and what was done with her.

12 Now when each maid's turn was come to go in to King Ahasuerus, after she had been twelve months according to the law *regarding* the women (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *that is*, six months with oil of myrrh and six months with aromatic odours and oils for women),
13 then thus came *each* maiden unto the king; whatever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.

14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch, who kept the concubines; she came in unto the king no more, unless the king delighted in her and called for her by name.

15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail, the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai, the king's eunuch, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained grace in the sight of all those that looked upon her.

16 So Esther was taken unto King Ahasuerus into his royal house in the tenth month, which *is* the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and mercy in his sight more than did all the other virgins so that he set the crown of the kingdom upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

18 Then the king made a great banquet unto all his princes and his slaves, the banquet of Esther; and he made a release to the provinces *of their taxes* and gave gifts according to the power of the king.

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate.

20 Esther had not *yet* declared her birth nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her; for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai as when she was being brought up with him.

21 ¶ In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth and sought to lay hand on King Ahasuerus.

22 And the thing was known by Mordecai, who told *it* unto Esther, the queen; and Esther notified the king *of this* in Mordecai's name.

23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore, they were both hanged on a tree; and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

Esther 3

1 ¶ After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him.

2 And all the king's slaves that *were* in the king's gate, knelt down and worshipped Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not kneel or worship *before him*.

3 Then the king's slaves, who *were* in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why dost thou pass over the king's commandment?

4 Now it came to pass, when they spoke daily unto him, and he did not hearken unto them, that they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's word would stand; for he had told them that he *was* a Jew.

5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not kneel or worship *before him*, then Haman was filled with wrath.

6 And he thought it a small matter to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for now they had declared unto him the people of Mordecai; therefore, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, the people of Mordecai.

7 ¶ In the first month, that *is*, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that *is*, the lot, before Haman from day to day and from month to month, and the twelfth *month*, that *is*, the month Adar was taken.

8 And Haman said unto King Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of thy kingdom, and their laws *are* different from all *other* people; neither do they observe the king's laws: therefore, it *is* not profitable for the king to allow them to remain.

9 If it pleases the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed; and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the public works, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries.

10 And the king took his ring from his hand and gave it unto Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the Jews' enemy.

11 And the king said unto Haman, The silver *is* given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seems good to thee.

12 Then the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and it was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants and to the governors that *were* over each province and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof and *to* every people after their language; in the name of King Ahasuerus it was written and sealed with the king's ring.

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey.

14 The copy of the writing was to be given as law in every province that it be published unto all the peoples, that they should be ready against that day.

15 The posts went out in haste by the king's commandment, and the law was given in Shushan, the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

Esther 4

1 ¶ When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes and put on sackcloth with ashes and went out into the midst of the city and cried with a loud and a bitter cry

2 and came before the king's gate; for no one was allowed to enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

3 And in each province, wherever the king's commandment and his law came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews and fasting and weeping and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 So Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her. Then the queen was grieved exceedingly, and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai and to take away his sackcloth from him; but he did not receive *it*.

5 ¶ Then Esther called for Hatach, *one* of the king's eunuchs, whom he had appointed to attend her, and sent him to Mordecai, to know what *it was* and why *it was*.

6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the plaza of the city, which *was* before the king's gate.

7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.

8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to show *it* unto Esther and to declare *it* unto her and to charge her that she should go in unto the king to make supplication unto him and to make request before him for her people.

9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10 Again Esther spoke unto Hatach and sent him *to say* unto Mordecai,

11 All the king's slaves and the people of the king's provinces do know that anyone, whether man or woman, who shall come unto the king into the inner court without being called, *by one law* shall be put to death, unless the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that they may live; but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

13 Then Mordecai told *them* to answer Esther, Do not think in thy soul that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

14 For if thou art silent at this time, *then* enlargement and deliverance shall arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed; and who knows whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?

15 Then Esther told *them* to return Mordecai *this answer*,

16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan and fast for me, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day; I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so I will go in unto the king, even though *this is* not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish.

17 So Mordecai went and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

Esther 5

1 ¶ Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on *her* royal *apparel*, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house; and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther, the queen, standing in the court, *that* she had grace in his sight; and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that *was* in his hand. So Esther drew near and touched the top of the sceptre.

3 Then the king said unto her, What wilt thou, Queen Esther? And what *is* thy request? It shall be given thee, even to the half of the kingdom.

4 And Esther answered, If *it seems* good to the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet that I have prepared for him.

5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste that he may do as Esther has said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

6 And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition? And it shall be granted thee. What *is* thy request? Even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.

7 Then answered Esther and said, My petition and my request *is*:

8 If I have found grace in the sight of the king and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king has commanded.

9 ¶ Then Haman went forth that day joyful and with a glad heart, but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate *and* that he did not stand up nor move for him, he was filled with indignation against Mordecai.

10 Nevertheless, Haman refrained himself, and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends and Zeresh, his wife.

11 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches and the multitude of his sons and all *the things* in which the king had promoted him and how he had advanced him above the princes and slaves of the king.

12 Haman said, moreover, Even Esther, the queen, let no one come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself, and tomorrow I am also invited by her with the king.

13 Yet all this avails me nothing so long as I see Mordecai, the Jew, sitting at the king's gate.

14 Then said Zeresh, his wife, and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows {Heb. stake} be made fifty cubits high, and tomorrow speak unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged upon it; then go in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman, and he caused the gallows to be made.

Esther 6

1 ¶ On that night the king could not sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles, and they were read before the king.

2 And it was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the keepers of the door, who had sought to lay hand on King Ahasuerus.

3 And the king said, What honour and dignity has been done unto Mordecai for this? Then the king's servants who ministered unto him answered, Nothing has been done for him.

4 ¶ And the king said, Who *is* in the court? Now Haman had come into the outward court of the king's house to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman stands in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delights to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?

7 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delights to honour,

8 let *the* royal apparel be brought which the king wears, and the horse that the king rides upon, and the royal crown which is set upon his head;

9 and let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that he may clothe the man whom the king delights to honour and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honour.

10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, *and* take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do so unto Mordecai, the Jew, that sits at the king's gate; let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

11 Then Haman took the apparel and the horse and clothed Mordecai and brought him on horseback through the plaza of the city and caused it to be proclaimed before him, Thus shall be done unto the man whom the king delights to honour.

12 ¶ After that Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hastened to his house mourning and having his head covered.

13 And Haman told Zeresh, his wife, and all his friends all that had befallen him. Then his wise men and Zeresh, his wife, said unto him, If Mordecai is of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.

14 And while they *were* yet talking with him, the king's eunuchs came in haste to bring Haman to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

Esther 7

1 ¶ So the king and Haman came to *the* banquet with Esther, the queen.

2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, Queen Esther? And it shall be granted thee. What is thy request? And it shall be performed, *even* to the half of the kingdom.

3 Then Esther, the queen, answered and said, If I have found grace in thy sight, O king and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition and my people at my request.

4 For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. If we had been sold for menslaves and womenslaves, I would remain silent, even though the enemy could not recompense the damage to the king.

5 And King Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther, the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that has filled his heart *with the arrogance* to do so?

6 Then Esther said, The man *who is the* adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

7 ¶ And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath *went* into the palace garden, and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther, the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine, and Haman had fallen upon the bed upon which Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? When this word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

9 Then said Harbonah, one of the eunuchs before the king, Behold also, the gallows {Heb. stake} fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, stands in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him upon it.

10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath was pacified.

Esther 8

1 ¶ On that same day King Ahasuerus gave the house of Haman, the Jews' enemy, unto Esther, the queen. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he *was* unto her.

2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 ¶ And Esther spoke yet again before the king and fell down at his feet and besought him with tears to put away the evil of Haman, the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.

4 Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king,

5 And said, If it pleases the king and if I have found grace in his sight and if the thing is right before the king and if I am good in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who *are* in all the king's provinces.

6 For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? How can I endure to see the destruction of my nation?

7 Then King Ahasuerus said unto Esther, the queen, and to Mordecai, the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him upon the gallows because he extended his hand against the Jews.

8 Write ye also for the Jews, as it pleases you, in the king's name, and seal *it* with the king's ring; for the writing which is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's ring may not be revoked.

9 Then the king's scribes were called at that time in the third month, that *is*, the month Sivan, on the twenty-third *day* thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews and to the lieutenants and the captains and the princes of the provinces which *are* from India unto Ethiopia, one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, unto each province according to the writing thereof, and unto each people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

10 And he wrote in King Ahasuerus's name and sealed *it* with the king's ring and sent letters by posts on horseback, *and* riders on mules, mules that were born of mares,

11 that the king granted *power* to the Jews who *were* in all the cities to gather themselves together and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish any army of the people or province that would assault them, *and even their* little ones and women, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey,

12 upon the same day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month Adar.

13 The copy of the writing which was to be given as law in each province *was* published unto all people and *said* that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves of their enemies.

14 So the posts rode upon mules, they went out on mules, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the law was given at Shushan, the palace.

15 ¶ And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white and with a great crown of gold and with a mantel of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

16 The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honour.

17 And in each province and in each city wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a banquet and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews, for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

Esther 9

1 ¶ Now in the twelfth month, that *is*, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his law drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, it was turned to the contrary; for the Jews took dominion over those that hated them.

2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt; and no one could withstand them, for the fear of them had fallen upon all the peoples.

3 And all the princes of the provinces and the lieutenants and the captains and officers of the king helped the Jews because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.

4 For Mordecai *was* great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces, for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.

5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword and slaughter and destruction and did what they would unto those that hated them.

6 And in Shushan, the palace, the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.

7 *Then they also slew* Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha,

8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha,

9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vajezatha,

10 the ten sons of Haman, the son of Hammedatha; the enemy of the Jews, they slew, but on the spoil they did not lay their hand.

11 On the same day the number of those that were slain in Shushan, the palace, was brought before the king.

12 And the king said unto Esther, the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan, the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now what

is thy petition, and it shall be granted thee? What is thy request further, and it shall be done?

13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews who *are* in Shushan to do tomorrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. {Heb. stake}

14 And the king commanded it to be so done; and it was given as law at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

15 And the Jews that *were* in Shushan gathered themselves together also on the fourteenth day of the month Adar and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the spoil they did not lay their hand.

16 And the other Jews that *were* in the king's provinces also gathered themselves together and stood for their lives and had rest from their enemies and slew of their foes seventy-five thousand, but they did not lay their hands on the spoil,

17 on the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of the same they rested and made it a day of banquet and gladness.

18 But the Jews that *were* at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth *day* thereof and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth *day* of the same they rested and made it a day of banquet and gladness.

19 Therefore, the Jews of the villages that dwelt in the unwall'd towns made the fourteenth day of the month Adar *a day of* gladness and banquet and a good day and of sending portions one to another.

20 ¶ And Mordecai wrote these things and sent letters unto all the Jews that *were* in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, *both* near and far,

21 to establish *this* among them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,

22 as the days in which the Jews had rest from their enemies and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy and from mourning into a good day, that they should make them days of banquet and joy and of sending portions one to another and gifts to the poor.

23 And the Jews accepting this began to do as Mordecai had written unto them.

24 Because Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them and had cast Pur, that is,

the lot, to consume them and to destroy them,

25 but when she came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

26 Therefore, they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore, for all the words of this letter and *of that* which they had seen concerning this matter and which had come unto them,

27 the Jews ordained and took upon them and upon their seed and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing and according to their *appointed* time each year,

28 and *that* these days *should be* remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city, and *that* these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

29 Then Esther, the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai, the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.

30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth,

31 to confirm these days of Purim in their times *appointed*, according as Mordecai, the Jew, and Esther, the queen, had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the words of the fastings and their cry.

32 And the commandment of Esther confirmed these words of Purim, and it was written in the book.

Esther 10

1 ¶ And King Ahasuerus laid tribute upon the land and *upon* the isles of the sea.

2 And all the acts of his power and of his might and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, unto which the king advanced him, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai, the Jew, *was* next unto King Ahasuerus and great among the Jews and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people and speaking peace unto all his seed.

The Book of **Job**

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Job 1

1 ¶ There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God and departed from evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His substance was seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred she asses, and a very great store of servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

4 ¶ And his sons went and had banquets *in their* houses, each one on his day, and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was so, when the days of *their* banquets were over, that Job sent and sanctified them and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings *according* to the number of them all; for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned and blasphemed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

6 ¶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Where dost thou come from? Then Satan answered the LORD and said, From going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it.

8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my slave Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that fears God and has departed from evil?

9 Then Satan answered the LORD and said, Does Job fear God for nothing?

10 Hast thou not made a hedge about him and about his house and about all that he has on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands; therefore, his substance has increased in the land.

11 But put forth thy hand now and touch all that he has, *and thou shalt see* if he will not blaspheme thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said to Satan, Behold, all that he has *is* in thy power; only upon himself do not put forth thy hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

13 ¶ And there was a day when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother, the firstborn;

14 and a messenger came unto Job and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them;

15 and the Sabeans {Heb. those of Sheba} fell *upon them* and took them away; they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell thee.

16 While he *was* yet speaking, another came who said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven and has burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell thee.

17 While he *was* yet speaking, another came and said, The Chaldeans made three bands and fell upon the camels and have carried them away and have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell thee.

18 While he *was* yet speaking, there another came and said, Thy sons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother, the firstborn;

19 and, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell thee.

20 ¶ Then Job arose and rent his mantle and shaved his head and fell down upon the ground and worshipped

21 and said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

22 In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with folly.

Job 2

1 ¶ Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, Where dost thou come from? And Satan answered the LORD and said, From going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it.

3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my slave Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that fears God and has departed from evil and that he still retains his perfection, although thou didst incite me against him to destroy him without cause.

4 And Satan answered the LORD and said, Skin for skin, all that a man has he will give for his life.

5 But put forth thy hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, *and thou shalt see* if he does not blaspheme thee to thy face.

6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he *is* in thy hand, but preserve his life.

7 ¶ So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto the crown of his head.

8 And he took a potsherd to scratch himself with, and he was sitting among the ashes.

9 Then his wife said unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Blaspheme God and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou hast spoken as any of the foolish women speak. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God and shall we not receive evil? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

11 ¶ Now three friends of Job, Eliphaz, the Temanite, Bildad, the Shuhite, and Zophar, the Naamathite, *when* they heard of all this evil that had come upon him, each one came from his own place; for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off and knew him not, they lifted up their voice and wept; and each one rent his mantle and sprinkled dust

upon his head toward heaven.

13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word unto him; for they saw that *his* grief was very great.

Job 3

1 ¶ After this Job opened his mouth and cursed his day.

2 And Job spoke and said,

3 Let the day perish in which I was born and the night *in which* it was said,
There is a man child conceived.

4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above; neither let the
light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and the shadow of death redeem it; let a cloud dwell upon it;
let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 As *for* that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the
days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months.

7 O, let that night be solitary; let no song come therein!

8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their
mourning.

9 Let the stars of its dawn be darkened; they waited for light, but *have* none;
neither let them see the dawning of the day;

10 because it did not shut up the doors of my *mother's* womb nor hide the
misery from my eyes.

11 ¶ Why did I not die from the womb? *Why* did I *not* give up the spirit
when I came out of the belly?

12 Why did the knees receive me? Of what use the breasts that I should
suck?

13 For now I should have lain still and been quiet; I should have slept; then I
would have been at rest,

14 with the kings and the counsellors of the earth, who built desolate places
for themselves;

15 or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver.

16 Or, *why* was I not hidden as an untimely birth, as infants *who* never saw
light?

17 There the wicked cease *from* troubling; and there the weary are at rest.

18 *There* the prisoners rest together, they do not hear the voice of the oppressor.

19 The small and the great are there, and the slave *is* free from his master.

20 ¶ Why is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter *in* soul;

21 who long for death, but it *comes* not; and search for it more than for hid treasures;

22 who rejoice exceedingly *and* are glad when they can find the grave;

23 to the man who does not know which way he goes and whom God has hedged in?

24 For my sighing comes before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.

25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

26 I never had prosperity, nor did I secure myself, neither was I at rest; yet trouble came.

Job 4

- 1 ¶ Then Eliphaz, the Temanite, answered and said,
2 If we attempt to commune with thee, thou wilt be grieved. But who can withhold himself from speaking?
3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.
4 Thy words have upheld the one that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.
5 But now that it is come upon thee, thou art grieved; it touches thee, and thou art troubled.
6 Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the integrity of thy ways?
7 ¶ Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished, being innocent? Or where were the righteous cut off?
8 Even as I have seen, those that plow iniquity and sow wickedness, reap the same.
9 By the breath of God they perish, and by the spirit of his anger they are consumed.
10 The roaring of the lion and the voice of the fierce lion and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.
11 The old lion perishes for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.
12 ¶ Now the matter was also hidden from me, but my ear has perceived a little of it.
13 In imaginations of visions of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men,
14 fear came upon me and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.
15 Then a spirit passed before me which caused the hair of my flesh to stand up.
16 A ghost stood in front of me, whose face I did not recognize, and I heard it say,

17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his maker?

18 Behold, he put no trust in his slaves, and his angels he charged with folly.

19 How much more *with* those that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation *is* in the dust, *who* shall be crushed by the moth!

20 They are destroyed from morning to evening; they perish for ever without anyone regarding *it*.

21 Does their beauty perish with them? They die and do not know.

Job 5

1 ¶ Call now, if there shall be anyone to answer thee; and if there shall be any of the saints for thee to look unto?

2 It is certain that wrath kills the foolish man, and envy consumes the covetous one.

3 I have seen the foolish taking root, but at the same time I cursed his habitation.

4 His sons are far from saving health, and they shall be crushed in the gate, and there shall be no one to deliver *them*.

5 The hungry shall eat up his harvest, and even take it out from among the thorns, and the thirsty shall drink up their substance.

6 ¶ For the iniquity does not come forth out of the dust; neither does chastisement spring up out of the ground;

7 yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

8 I would certainly seek God, and unto God would I commit my affairs;

9 who does great things that no one can understand, and marvels that have no explanation;

10 who gives rain upon the earth and sends waters abroad;

11 who sets up the humble on high, that those who mourn may be lifted up with saving health.

12 He frustrates the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform *their* enterprise.

13 He takes the wise in their own prudence, and the counsel of his adversaries is turned to folly.

14 They meet with darkness in the daytime and grope in the noonday as in the night.

15 But he saves the poor from the sword, from the mouth of the wicked, and from the hand of the violent.

16 Who is the hope of the poor, and iniquity closes her mouth.

17 ¶ Behold, blessed *is* the man whom God chastens; therefore, do not despise not the correction of the Almighty.

18 For he makes sore, and binds up; he wounds, and his hands make whole.

19 He shall deliver thee in six tribulations, and in the seventh no evil shall touch thee.

20 In famine he shall ransom thee from death, and in war from the power of the sword.

21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue; neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it comes.

22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh; neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth;

23 for thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field; and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou shalt know that there is peace in thy tent, and thou shalt visit thy habitation and shalt not sin.

25 Thou shalt know that thy seed *is* great and thine offspring as the grass of the earth.

26 Thou shalt come to *thy* grave in a full age, like a shock *of wheat* that is gathered in its season.

27 Behold that which we have searched out, so it *is*; hear it and judge *it* for thyself.

Job 6

1 ¶ And Job answered and said,

2 Oh that my grief and calamity were justly weighed and laid equally in the balances!

3 For it would be heavier than the sand of the sea; therefore, my words are swallowed up.

4 For the arrows of the Almighty *are* within me; my spirit drinks of the poison; and terrors of God combat me.

5 Does the wild ass bray when he has grass? Does the ox low over his fodder?

6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? Or is there *any* taste in the white of an egg?

7 The things *that* my soul refused to touch *before, now* by my sorrow *are* my food.

8 ¶ Oh, that I might have my request and that God would grant *me* the thing that I long for!

9 Even that it would please God to destroy me, that he would let loose his hand and cut me off!

10 Then should my comfort grow; I would hold on to sorrow without mercy; for I have not contradicted the words of the Holy One.

11 What *is* my strength that I should hope? What *is* my end that I should prolong my life?

12 *Is* my strength the strength of stones? Or *is* my flesh of steel?

13 Am I not doing all that I can, and *even with all this* I lack the power to do anything?

14 ¶ He that is afflicted *deserves* mercy from his friend; but he has forsaken the fear of the Almighty.

15 My brethren have lied to me as a brook; they passed away as an impetuous stream,

16 which was hidden by ice and covered by snow.

17 Which in the time of heat, they vanish; when they are heated, they disappear out of their place;

18 they turn aside out of the paths of their way; they go to nothing and perish.

19 The travelers of Tema looked; the traveling companies of Sheba waited for them.

20 They were put to shame because of their hope; they came there and found them confused.

21 Now ye are certainly as they; ye have seen the torment and are afraid.

22 ¶ Did I say, Bring unto me and pay for me out of your substance

23 and deliver me from the enemy's hand and ransom me from the hand of the mighty?

24 Teach me, and I will be silent; and cause me to understand in what I have erred.

25 How forcible are the words of rectitude! But what does your argument reprove?

26 Are ye not thinking up words of reproof and *throw* to the wind words that are lost?

27 Ye also overwhelm the fatherless and dig a pit before your friend.

28 Now, therefore, if ye desire, look upon me and *see* if I shall lie in your presence.

29 Turn now, and there is no iniquity; return again *to look* for my righteousness in this.

30 If there is iniquity in my tongue or if my taste cannot discern the torments.

Job 7

1 ¶ Man certainly has an appointed *amount of* time upon earth, and his days are like the days of a hireling.

2 As a slave earnestly desires the shade and as a hireling waits for *rest from* his work,

3 so I am made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise? I measure the night, and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken and abominable.

6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle and are spent without hope.

7 ¶ Remember thou that my life *is* wind and that my eyes shall not return to see good.

8 The eyes of those that see me *now* shall not see me again; thine eyes *shall be* upon me, and I will cease to be.

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanishes away, so he that goes down to Sheol, who shall not come up again;

10 he shall return no more to his house; neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore, I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 *Am* I a sea, or a dragon, that thou settest a watch over me?

13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;

14 then thou dost scare me with dreams and terrify me with visions.

15 And my soul thought it better to be strangled *and desired* death more than my bones.

16 I loathed *life*; I do not *desire* to live for ever; let me alone; for my days *are* vanity.

17 ¶ What *is* man that thou should magnify him and that thou should set thine heart upon him

18 and *that* thou should visit him every morning *and* try him every moment?

19 For how long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone until I swallow down my spittle?

20 If I have sinned, what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? Why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

21 And why dost thou not take away my rebellion and pass over my iniquity? For now I shall sleep in the dust; and if thou shalt seek me in the morning, I shall not be found.

Job 8

- 1 ¶ Then Bildad, the Shuhite, answered and said,
2 How long wilt thou speak such things and *how long shall* the words of thy mouth *be like* a strong wind?
3 Shall God pervert that which is right or shall the Almighty pervert justice?
4 Because thy sons sinned against him, he cast them away in the place of their rebellion;
5 if thou would seek God early and make thy supplication to the Almighty,
6 if thou *wert* pure and upright, surely now he would awake upon thee and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.
7 *In such a way* that thy beginning would have been small, *in comparison* to the great increase of thy latter.
8 ¶ Ask, I pray thee, of the former age, and be willing to enquire of thy fathers regarding them;
9 for we are but of yesterday and know nothing because our days upon earth are as a shadow.
10 Shall they not teach thee *and* tell thee and utter *these* words out of their heart?
11 Can the rush grow up without mire? Can the meadow grow without water?
12 Whilst it *is* yet in its greenness *and* not cut down, it withers before any *other* herb.
13 So *are* the paths of all that forget God, and the hypocrite's hope shall perish.
14 For his hope shall be cut off, and his trust is a spider's web.
15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand; he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.
16 *Like a tree*, he *is* green before the sun, and his branches go forth over his garden;
17 his roots weave themselves around a spring *and* secure themselves even in a stony place.

18 If he is uprooted from his place, then *it* shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.

19 Behold, this *is* the joy of his way, and out of the earth from where he was *transplanted*, others shall grow.

20 ¶ Behold, God will not cast away a perfect *man*; neither will he help the evil doers.

21 He will yet fill thy mouth with laughing and thy lips with shouts of joy.

22 Those that hate thee shall be clothed with shame, and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

Job 9

- 1 ¶ Then Job answered and said,
2 I know *it is* so of a truth, but how shall a man be justified with God?
3 If he desires to contend with him, he will not be able to answer him one *thing* of a thousand.
4 *He is* wise in heart and mighty in strength; who has hardened *himself* against him and remained in peace?
5 Who uproots the mountains in his anger, and they know not who overturned them.
6 Who removes the earth out of her place and causes her pillars to tremble.
7 Who commands the sun, and it rises not; and seals up the stars.
8 He alone extends the heavens and walks upon the waves of the sea.
9 He who made Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the secret places of the south.
10 He who does great things past finding out, and wonders without number.
11 Behold, he shall pass before me, and I shall not see him; and he shall pass on, and I shall not understand him.
12 Behold, he shall take away, who can cause him to restore? Who shall say unto him, What doest thou?
13 God will not withdraw his anger, and under him those who help, unto pride are bent over.
14 ¶ How much less shall I answer him *and* choose out my words to *reason* with him?
15 Who even though I am righteous, *yet* I would not answer, *but* I would make supplication to my judge.
16 Who if I were to invoke him, and he answered me; *yet* I would not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.
17 For he has broken me with a tempest and has multiplied my wounds without cause.
18 He will not suffer me to take my breath but has filled me with bitterness.

19 If *we were to speak* of *his* strength, he is certainly strong; and if of *his* judgment, who shall cause us to meet?

20 If I justify myself, my own mouth shall condemn me: *if I say*, I *am* perfect, he shall prove me perverse.

21 *If I say I am* imperfect, I know not my soul; I would condemn my life.

22 ¶ One thing remains, that I say, He consumes the perfect and the wicked.

23 If *it is* the scourge, it slays suddenly, and it does not laugh at the trial of the innocent.

24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; he covers the faces of its judges; if *it is not he who does this then*, who is it and where is he?

25 ¶ Now my days are swifter than a post; they fled away, they never saw good.

26 They are passed away as the ships of Ebeh {Heb. reed} as the eagle *that* throws himself on the prey.

27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness and comfort *myself*;

28 I am afraid of all my troubles; I know that thou wilt not hold me guiltless.

29 *If I am* wicked, why then shall I toil in vain?

30 If I wash myself with snow water and make my hands never so clean;

31 yet thou shalt plunge me into the pit, and my own clothes shall abhor me.

32 For *he is* not a man, as I *am*, *that* I should answer him, *and* we should come together unto judgment.

33 Neither is there any arbiter between us, *that* might lay his hand upon us both.

34 Let him take his tormentor away from me, and his terror will not perturb me.

35 *Then* I would speak and not fear him, because in this state I am not myself.

Job 10

1 ¶ My soul is cut off in my life; *therefore*, I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; cause me to understand why thou dost contend with me.

3 *Is it* good unto thee that thou should oppress, that thou should reject the work of thine hands and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? Dost thou see as man sees?

5 *Are* thy days as the days of man? *Are* thy years as man's days,

6 that thou dost enquire after my iniquity and search after my sin?

7 Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and *there is* no one that can deliver out of thy hand.

8 ¶ Thine hands have formed me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

9 Remember now that thou hast formed me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk and curdled me like cheese?

11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh and hast hedged me with bones and sinews.

12 Thou hast granted me life and mercy, and thy visitation has kept my spirit.

13 And these *things* thou hast hid in thine heart; I know that this *is* with thee.

14 ¶ If I sinned, wilt thou mark me and not cleanse me from my iniquity?

15 If I am wicked, woe unto me; and *if* I am righteous, I will not lift up my head, being full of dishonour and of seeing my affliction.

16 And thou dost increase. Thou dost hunt me as a fierce lion; turning and doing marvels in me.

17 Thou dost renew thy plagues against me and increase thine indignation upon me, bringing up armies against me.

18 Why then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the spirit and no eye had seen me!

19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

20 *Are* not my days few? Cease *then, and* let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,

21 before I go, to not return, to the land of darkness and of the shadow of death;

22 land of darkness, as darkness *itself, and* of the shadow of death, without any order, and *where* the light *is* as darkness.

Job 11

- 1 ¶ Then Zophar, the Naamathite, answered and said,
2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? And should a man full of talk be justified?
3 Should thy lies make men be silent? Shalt thou mock, and shall no man make thee ashamed?
4 For thou hast said, My doctrine *is* pure, and I am clean before thine eyes.
5 But oh, that God would speak and open his lips against thee
6 and that he would show thee the secrets of wisdom! For thou dost deserve double according to sound wisdom; and thou dost know that God has forgotten thee because of thine iniquity.
7 ¶ Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou come unto the perfection of the Almighty?
8 It is higher than the heavens; what canst thou do? It is deeper than Sheol; how canst thou know it?
9 The measure of it *is* longer than the earth and broader than the sea.
10 If he cuts off, or shuts up, or gathers together, then who can hinder him?
11 For he knows the vain men; and he sees the iniquity; will he not then understand *it*?
12 The vain man shall make himself understood, though man is born *like* a wild ass's colt.
13 ¶ If thou would prepare thine heart and stretch out thine hands toward him;
14 if there is any iniquity in thy hand and thou dost put it far away and dost not consent that wickedness dwell in thy habitations,
15 then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; thou shalt be strongly established and shalt not fear;
16 and thou shalt forget *thy* misery *and* remember *it* as waters that passed away;
17 and *thine* age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

18 And thou shalt trust because there is hope; *yea*, thou shalt dig and sleep in safety;

19 thou shalt lie down, and no one shall make *thee* afraid; and many shall make requests unto thee.

20 But the eyes of the wicked shall consume themselves, and they shall have no refuge, and their hope *shall be* agony of the soul.

Job 12

- 1 ¶ And Job answered and said,
2 No doubt but ye *are* the people, and wisdom shall die with you.
3 But I have a heart as well as you; I *am* not inferior to you; and who shall not be able to say as much again?
4 He who invokes God and he answers him is mocked by his friend; the just and perfect *man is* laughed to scorn.
5 The torch is held in low esteem in the thought of him that is prosperous, which was prepared to guard against a slip of the feet.
6 ¶ The tents of robbers are at ease, and those that provoke God and those who carry gods in their hands live secure.
7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the heavens, and they shall show thee;
8 or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; the fishes of the sea shall declare *it* unto thee *also*.
9 What thing of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD made them?
10 In his hand *is* the soul of every living thing and the spirit of all flesh of man.
11 Certainly the ear proves words and the mouth tastes foods.
12 ¶ With the ancient *is* wisdom; and in length of days intelligence.
13 With him *is* wisdom and strength; he has counsel and intelligence.
14 Behold, he shall break down, and it shall not be built again; he shall shut up a man, and no one shall be able to open unto him.
15 Behold, he shall withhold the waters, and they shall dry up; also he shall send them forth, and they shall destroy the earth.
16 With him *is* strength and existence; he who errs and he who leads astray *are* his.
17 He causes the counsellors to walk away stripped of counsel and makes the judges to be fools.
18 He looses the bond of kings and girds their loins with a girdle.

19 He leads priests away spoiled and overthrows the mighty.

20 He impedes the lips of those that speak the truth and takes away the counsel of the aged.

21 He pours contempt upon princes and weakens the strength of the mighty.

22 He uncovers the depths of the darkness and brings out to light the shadow of death.

23 He multiplies the Gentiles and destroys them; he scatters the Gentiles and gathers them *again*.

24 He takes away the heart of the heads of the people of the earth and causes them to become lost, wandering without a way.

25 They grope in the darkness and not the light, and he causes them to err like drunken *men*.

Job 13

- 1 ¶ Behold, my eyes have seen all *this*; my ears have heard and understood it.
- 2 As you know it, I know it; I *am* not inferior unto you.
- 3 But I would speak with the Almighty, and I desired to dispute with God.
- 4 That ye are certainly forgers of lies; ye *are* all physicians of no value.
- 5 O that ye would altogether be silent! And it would be unto you *instead of* wisdom.
- 6 Hear now my dispute, and hearken to the arguments of my lips.
- 7 Are ye to speak iniquity for God? Are ye to speak deceitfully for him?
- 8 Are ye to bring honour unto him? Are ye to contend for God?
- 9 Would it be good for him to search you out? As one man mocks another, do ye so mock him?
- 10 He will reprove you severely, if in secret you give him such honour.
- 11 Certainly his excellency should make you afraid, and his dread should fall upon you.
- 12 Your memories shall be compared unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.
- 13 ¶ Listen to me, and I will speak, and afterward let come on me what *will*.
- 14 Why shall I take my flesh in my teeth and put my life in the palm of my *hand*?
- 15 Though he slay me, yet I will trust in him; but I will defend my ways before him.
- 16 He also *shall be* my saving health; for the hypocrite shall not enter into his presence.
- 17 Hear diligently my reason and my declaration with your ears.
- 18 Behold now, if I draw near unto the judgment; I know that I shall be justified.
- 19 Who *is* he *that* will contend with me? For now, if I remain silent, I shall die.

20 At the least, grant me these two things; then I will not hide myself from thee:

21 withdraw thy hand from me; and let not thy dread make me afraid.

22 Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and answer thou me.

23 ¶ How many *are* my iniquities and sins? Make me to know my transgression and my sin.

24 Why dost thou hide thy face, and hold me for thine enemy?

25 Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? Wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

26 Why dost thou write bitter things against me and make me carry the iniquities of my youth.

27 Thou dost put my feet also in the stocks and look narrowly unto all my paths; thou dost set a print upon the heels of my feet.

28 And *man*, is as a rotten thing that is being consumed, as a garment that is moth eaten.

Job 14

- 1 ¶ Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days and full of trouble.
- 2 He comes forth like an open flower and is cut down; he flees as a shadow and does not remain.
- 3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such a one and bring me into judgment with thee?
- 4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? No one.
- 5 Seeing his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass.
- 6 If thou should leave him, he will cease *to exist*; until then, he shall desire, as a hireling, his day.
- 7 ¶ For there is yet hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again and that its tender branch will not cease.
- 8 Though its root waxes old in the earth and its trunk is dead in the ground,
- 9 at the scent of water it will bud and bring forth boughs like a new plant.
- 10 But *when* man shall die and be cut off, and the man shall perish, where shall he be?
- 11 The waters from the sea went, and the river ran out, it dried up.
- 12 So man lies down and does not rise; until there is no heaven, they shall not awake nor be raised out of their sleep.
- 13 O that thou would hide me in Sheol, that thou would keep me covered until thy wrath is past, that thou would appoint me a set time and remember me!
- 14 If a man dies, shall he live *again*? All the days of my appointed time I will wait until my transformation comes.
- 15 *Then* thou shalt call, and I will answer thee; thou wilt have a desire towards the work of thine hands.
- 16 ¶ For now thou dost number my steps; thou dost not open up my sin.
- 17 My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and thou dost sew up my iniquity.
- 18 And certainly the mountain that falls is undone, and the rocks are removed out of their place.

19 The impetuous waters break the stones and wash away the dust of the earth; in like manner thou dost cause man to lose hope.

20 Thou shalt be stronger than him for ever, and he passes; thou dost change his countenance and send him away.

21 His sons shall be honoured and he shall not know *of it*; or they shall be afflicted, but he shall not perceive of them.

22 But *while* his flesh *is* upon him, he shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

Job 15

- 1 ¶ Then Eliphaz, the Temanite, answered, and said,
2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge and fill his belly with the east wind?
3 Should he dispute with useless words and with reasons that are not profitable?
4 Thou dost also cast off fear and undermine prayer before God.
5 For thy mouth has declared thine iniquity, and thou hast chosen the tongue of the crafty.
6 Thine own mouth shall condemn thee, and not I; thine own lips shall testify against thee.
7 Wast thou born before Adam? Or wast thou formed before the hills?
8 Hast thou heard the secret of God, that thou dost detain wisdom in thee alone?
9 What dost thou know that we do not? *What* dost thou understand, which is not in us?
10 Among us *are* also gray hairs; there are also aged men, much elder than thy father.
11 *Are* the consolations of God in such small esteem with thee? Is there by chance any secret thing concerning thee?
12 Why does thine heart carry thee away, and why do thine eyes blink,
13 that thou dost reply unto God with thy spirit and bring forth such words out of thy mouth?
14 What *is* man that he should be clean and that he that is born of a woman should be justified?
15 Behold, he puts no trust in his saints, and not even the heavens are clean in his sight.
16 How much less the man who is abominable and filthy, who drinks iniquity like water?
17 ¶ Listen to me and I will show thee and declare unto thee that *which* I have seen,

18 that which the wise men have told us of their fathers and have not hid *it*,
19 unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among
them.

20 The wicked man travails with pain all *his* days, and the number of years
is hidden from the violent.

21 Fearful sounds are in his ears; in peace the destroyer shall come upon
him.

22 He will not believe that he shall return out of darkness, and he is always
watching the sword.

23 He wanders abroad for bread, *saying*, Where *is it*? He knows that the day
of darkness is prepared for him.

24 Tribulation and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against
him, as a king ready to the battle.

25 Because he extended his hand against God and strengthens himself
against the Almighty,

26 he shall run him through in the neck, upon the thick shoulder pieces of
his shields;

27 for he covered his face with his fatness and made collops of fat on *his*
flanks;

28 and he dwelt in desolate cities *and* in houses which no one inhabited,
which were in heaps.

29 He shall not become rich, nor shall his strength be established, neither
shall he extend his beauty upon the earth.

30 He shall not escape from the darkness; the flame shall dry up his
branches, and by the breath of his mouth he shall perish.

31 He shall not be established; in vanity he shall err; therefore, he shall be
changed into vanity.

32 He shall be cut off before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

33 He shall shake off his sour grapes as the vine and shall cast off his flower
as the olive.

34 For the congregation of the hypocrites shall be made desolate, and fire
shall consume the tents of bribery.

35 They conceive pain and bring forth iniquity, and their belly meditates deceit.

Job 16

- 1 ¶ Then Job answered and said,
2 Many times I have heard such things; miserable comforters *are* ye all.
3 Shall vain words have an end? Or what is it that emboldens thee to answer?
4 I also could speak as ye *do*. I wish your soul were in my soul's stead, that I could heap up words against you and shake my head at you.
5 *But* I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the consolation of my lips would assuage *the pain*.
6 ¶ Though if I speak, my pain does not cease; and if I forbear *to speak*, it does not depart from me.
7 But now he has made me weary; thou hast made desolate all my company.
8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, *which* is a witness *against me*: and my leanness rising up in me bears witness to my face.
9 His wrath has torn me and has been against me; he gnashed upon me with his teeth; my enemy sharpened his eyes upon me.
10 They have opened their mouth against me; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.
11 God has delivered me unto the liar, and in the hands of the wicked he has caused me to tremble.
12 I was prosperous, but he has broken me asunder; he has taken *me* by my neck and shaken me to pieces and set me up for his mark.
13 His archers compassed me round about; he cleaved my kidneys asunder and did not spare; he poured out my gall upon the ground.
14 He broke me with breach upon breach; he ran upon me like a giant.
15 I have sewn sackcloth upon my skin and put dust over my head.
16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids *is* the shadow of death,
17 ¶ even though there is no injustice in my hands, and my prayer *has been* pure.
18 O earth, do not cover my blood; and let there be no place *where* my cry is hidden.

19 Certainly my witness *is* even now in the heavens, and my record *is* on high.

20 Those who dispute with me are my friends, *but* my eyes shall pour out *tears* unto God.

21 O that a man might dispute with God, as he can with his neighbour!

22 When the counted years are come, then I shall go the way from which I shall not return.

Job 17

- 1 ¶ My breath is corrupt, my days are cut off, and the grave is ready for me.
- 2 *Now there are* only mockers with me, upon whose bitterness my eye continues *to gaze*.
- 3 Put up now, give me surety with thee; who *is* he *that* will strike hands with me?
- 4 For with these, thou hast hid their heart from understanding; therefore, thou shalt not exalt *them*.
- 5 He that speaks flattery to *his* neighbour, even the eyes of his sons shall fail.
- 6 He has made me a byword of the peoples; and before *them* I have been as a tambourine.
- 7 My eyes are dim by reason of sorrow, and all my thoughts *are* as a shadow.
- 8 Upright *men* shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.
- 9 The righteous shall hold on to his way, and he that has clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.
- 10 ¶ But return all of you, and come now; for I shall not find *one that is* wise among you.
- 11 My days are past, my thoughts were broken off, *even* the purposes of my heart.
- 12 They changed the night into day; the light *is* short because of the darkness.
- 13 If I wait, Sheol *is* my house; I have made my bed in the darkness.
- 14 I have said to the pit, Thou *art* my father; to the worms, my mother, and my sister.
- 15 And where shall my hope be now? As for my hope, who shall see it?
- 16 They shall go down to the bars of Sheol, and together they shall rest in the dust.

Job 18

- 1 ¶ Then Bildad, the Shuhite, answered and said,
2 How long *will it be ere* ye make an end of words? Understand, and afterwards we will speak.
3 Why are we counted as beasts? Are we vile in your sight?
4 O thou that dost tear thy soul in thine anger; shall the earth be forsaken because of thee and shall the rocks be removed out of their place?
5 ¶ The light of the wicked shall certainly be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.
6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his lamp shall be put out with him.
7 The steps of his strength shall be cut down, and his own counsel shall cast him down.
8 For a net shall be cast at his feet, and he shall walk upon a network.
9 The snare shall take *him* by the heel, *and* the robber shall prevail against him.
10 The cord is hidden in the ground and a trap for him in the way.
11 ¶ Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and his own feet shall drive him away.
12 His strength shall be hungerbitten, and destruction *shall be* ready at his side.
13 They shall devour the protection of his skin; the firstborn of death shall devour his members.
14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tent, and he shall be brought to the king of terrors.
15 He shall dwell in his tent, as if it were not his; brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.
16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above his branch shall be cut off.
17 His memory shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the streets.

18 He shall be driven from the light into the darkness and chased out of the world.

19 He shall have neither son nor grandson among his people, nor any to succeed him in his dwellings.

20 Those that come after *him* shall be dismayed at his day, as those that went before were overcome with fear.

21 Surely such *are* the dwellings of the wicked, and this *is* the place *of him that* does not know God.

Job 19

- 1 ¶ And Job replied and said,
2 How long will ye anguish my soul and break me in pieces with words?
3 These ten times ye have reproached me; are ye not ashamed to make yourselves strange to me?
4 And if indeed I have erred, my error shall remain with me.
5 If indeed ye will magnify *yourselves* against me and reprove me of my reproach,
6 know now that God has overthrown me and has compassed me with his net.
7 Behold, I shall cry out that I have been wronged, and I shall not be heard; I shall cry aloud, and *there* shall be no judgment.
8 ¶ He has walled off my way and I shall not pass, and he has set darkness in my paths.
9 He has stripped me of my glory and taken the crown *from* my head.
10 He has pulled me up on every side, and I am dried up; he has caused my hope to pass like an uprooted tree.
11 He has kindled his wrath against me, and he counted me unto him as *one of* his enemies.
12 His troops came together and raised up their way over me and encamp round about my tent.
13 He has put my brethren far from me, and my acquaintances are verily estranged from me.
14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.
15 Those that dwell in my house and my maids have counted me for a stranger; I was an alien in their sight.
16 I called my slave, and he gave *me* no answer; I intreated him with my mouth.
17 My spirit came to be strange to my wife, although I intreated her for the sons of my own body.
18 Even the young children despised me; as I arose, they spoke against me.

19 All my intimate friends abhorred me; and those whom I loved are turned against me.

20 My bones cleave to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God has touched me.

22 Why do ye persecute me as God and are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 ¶ Oh, that my words were now written! Oh, that they were printed in a book!

24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

25 For I know *that* my redeemer lives and *that* he shall rise at the latter *day* over the dust;

26 and afterward from this, my stricken skin and from my own flesh, I must see God:

27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another, *though* my kidneys be consumed within me.

28 But ye should say, Why should we persecute him, seeing that the root of the matter is found in me?

29 Be ye afraid of the sword; for the wrath of the sword *comes* because of the iniquities, that ye may know *there is* a judgment.

Job 20

- 1 ¶ Then Zophar, the Naamathite, answered and said,
2 My thoughts certainly cause me to answer, and therefore, I make haste.
3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my intelligence causes me to answer.
4 Dost thou not know this that always was, since man was placed upon earth,
5 that the triumphing of the wicked *is* short, and the joy of the hypocrite *but* for a moment?
6 Though his excellency mounts up to the heavens, and his head reaches unto the clouds,
7 yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung; those who have seen him shall say, What is become of him?
8 He shall fly away as a dream and shall not be found: *yea*, he shall flee away as a vision of the night.
9 The eye *which* saw him shall *see him* no more; neither shall his place behold him any more.
10 ¶ His poor sons shall go forth begging, and their hands shall restore that which he stole.
11 His bones are full *of the sins* of his youth, which shall be buried with him in the dust.
12 If wickedness was sweet in his mouth, if he hid it under his tongue,
13 if it seemed good unto him, and he did not forsake it, but savored it within his mouth,
14 his food shall be changed in his bowels, *it shall be* the gall of asps within him.
15 He has swallowed down riches, but he shall vomit them up again; God shall cast them out of his belly.
16 He shall suck the poison of asps; the viper's tongue shall slay him.
17 He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.

18 He shall restore the work *that was not his*; according to the substance that he took; neither shall he devour, nor rejoice.

19 Because he oppressed *and* forsook the poor; *because* he has violently taken away houses which he did not build,

20 therefore, he shall not feel quietness in his belly; he shall not escape with that which he desired.

21 Nothing is left that he did not eat; therefore, his goods shall not last.

22 In the fullness of his sufficiency, he shall come into anguish; the hands of all the wicked shall come upon him.

23 ¶ *When* he is about to fill his belly, *God* shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him and shall rain *it* upon him and upon his food.

24 He shall flee from the weapons of iron, *and* the bow of bronze shall strike him through.

25 He shall draw forth *an arrow* from his quiver, and *like* lightning it shall strike through his gall; terrors shall come upon him.

26 All darkness is kept for his secrets; a fire not blown shall consume him; his successor shall be broken in his tent.

27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increase of his house shall be taken captive; they shall be scattered in the day of his wrath.

29 This *is* the portion of a wicked man from God and the heritage that God appoints unto him by his word.

Job 21

- 1 ¶ But Job answered and said,
2 Hear diligently my speech, and let this be *instead of* your consolations.
3 Suffer me that I may speak; and after I have spoken, mock on.
4 As for me, *is* my complaint to man? And if so, why should not my spirit be troubled?
5 Look upon me and be astonished and lay *your* hand upon *your* mouth.
6 *Even I myself*, when I remember, I am afraid, and trembling takes hold on my flesh.
7 ¶ Why do the wicked live and become old and even increase in riches?
8 Their seed is with them, established in their sight, and their offspring before their eyes.
9 Their houses *are* safe from fear; neither *is* the rod of God upon them.
10 Their cows conceive, and do not abort; their cows calve and do not cast forth their young.
11 They send forth their little ones like *a flock of* sheep, and their children dance.
12 They jump at the sound of the timbrel and harp and rejoice at the sound of the organ.
13 They spend their days in pleasure and in a moment go down to Sheol.
14 Therefore, they say unto God, Depart from us; for we do not desire the knowledge of thy ways.
15 Who *is* the Almighty that we should serve him? And what profit should we have if we pray unto him?
16 Behold that their good *is* not in their hands; the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
17 ¶ How often is the lamp of the wicked put out and their destruction comes upon them, and *God* distributes sorrows upon them in his anger.
18 They shall be as stubble before the wind and as chaff taken up by the whirlwind.

19 God shall lay up his violence for *their* sons; and he will reward him so that he shall know *it*.

20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what delight shall he have in his house after him, being cut off in the number of his months?

22 Shall he teach God knowledge, seeing he judges those that are high?

23 This one shall die in the full strength of his beauty, being completely at ease and quiet.

24 His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

25 And another dies in the bitterness of his soul, never having eaten with pleasure.

26 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

27 ¶ Behold, I know your thoughts and the imaginations which ye devise against me.

28 For ye say, What *is* of the house of the prince, and what of the tent of the habitation of the wicked?

29 Have ye not asked those that go by the way, and do ye not know their tokens?

30 That the wicked is reserved for the day of destruction, they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

31 Who shall declare his way to his face? And who shall repay him *what* he has done?

32 He shall yet be brought to the grave and shall remain in the tomb.

33 The clods of the river *valley* shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall be drawn after him, as *there were* innumerable before him.

34 How then do ye comfort me in vain, *given* that your answers remain as falsehood?

Job 22

- 1 ¶ Then Eliphaz, the Temanite, answered and said,
2 Can a man be profitable unto God? For he that is wise is profitable unto himself.
3 *Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty that thou art justified? Or *is it* gain to him that thou makest thy ways perfect?
4 Will he reprove thee or will he enter with thee into judgment because he fears thee?
5 ¶ Certainly thy wickedness is great and thine iniquities have no end.
6 For thou didst take a pledge from thy brother without cause and stripped the naked of their clothing.
7 Thou didst not give water to drink to the weary, and thou hast withheld bread from the hungry.
8 But the man of means had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it.
9 Thou hast sent the widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.
10 Therefore, snares *are* round about thee, and sudden fear troubles thee
11 or darkness, *that* thou canst not see, and abundance of waters cover thee.
12 *Is* not God in the height of the heavens? Behold the height of the stars, how high they are!
13 And thou shalt say, What does God know? How can he judge through the darkness?
14 Thick clouds are his hiding place, and he does not see; and he walks in the circuit of heaven.
15 ¶ Dost thou desire to keep the old way which wicked men have trodden?
16 Who were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood.
17 Who said unto God, Depart from us; and what can the Almighty do unto us?
18 He had filled their houses with good *things*. Therefore, the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

19 The righteous shall see *it* and be glad; and the innocent laughs them to scorn.

20 Whereas our substance was not cut down, when the fire had consumed the rest of them.

21 ¶ Make up thy friendship now with him, and thou shalt have peace; thereby good shall come unto thee.

22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.

23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tent;

24 then thou shalt lay up gold as dust and the *gold* of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.

25 And the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

26 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty and shalt lift up thy face unto God.

27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

29 When *others* are cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent; and in the pureness of thine hands thou shalt be kept.

Job 23

- 1 ¶ Then Job answered and said,
2 Today I will also speak with bitterness; my stroke is heavier than my groaning.
3 Oh, that I knew where I might find him! *That* I might come *even* to his seat!
4 I would order judgment before him and fill my mouth with arguments.
5 I would know the words *which* he would answer me and understand what he would say unto me.
6 Will he plead against me with *his* great power? No, but rather he would put it in me.
7 There the righteous might dispute with him; and should I escape for ever from the one who condemns me.
8 ¶ Behold, I shall go to the east and not find him; and to the west, but I cannot perceive him;
9 if he is working to the north, I shall not see him; to the south, he hides himself, that I shall not see *him*.
10 But he has known the way that I take; he has tried me, and I have come forth as gold.
11 My feet have held to his steps, I have kept his way, and have not departed.
12 Neither have I separated myself from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary *food*.
13 ¶ But if he determines something, who can turn him? His soul desired *it*, and he did *it*.
14 Therefore, he will finish that which is necessary for me; and *there are* many such things in him.
15 Therefore, I shall fear before his face; I shall consider, and I shall fear him.
16 For God has made my heart tender, and the Almighty has frightened me.

17 Why was I not cut off before the darkness, *neither* has he covered my face with the darkness.

Job 24

1 ¶ Why, seeing that times are not hidden from the Almighty, do those that know him not see his days?

2 *Some* remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks and feed *thereof*.

3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless; they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They turn the needy out of the way; and all the poor of the earth hide themselves *from them*.

5 Behold, *as* wild asses in the desert, they go forth to their work, rising early for a prey; the wilderness *yields* food for them *and* for *their* children.

6 In the field they reap their fodder, and the wicked gather the vintage *that is not theirs*.

7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that *they have* no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the floods of the mountains and embrace the rock for want of a covering.

9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast and take a pledge of the poor.

10 They cause the naked to go without clothing, and they take away the sheaves *from* the hungry.

11 They press oil within their walls *and* tread *their* winepresses and suffer thirst.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the souls of the dead cry out; yet God did not hinder *them*.

13 ¶ They are among those that rebel against the light; they have never known its ways nor abided in its paths.

14 The murderer rises with the light, kills the poor and the needy, and in the night is as a thief.

15 The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me; and disguises *his* face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses, *which* they had marked for themselves in the daytime; they do not know the light.

17 For the morning *is* to them even as the shadow of death; if they are known, the terrors of the shadow of death *come over them*.

18 ¶ They are swift upon the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth; they never come by the way of the vineyards.

19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters; *so does Sheol consume those who* have sinned.

20 The Merciful One shall forget them; the worm shall feed sweetly on them; they shall never be remembered again; and iniquity shall be broken as a tree.

21 He afflicted the barren woman that did not conceive and never did good unto the widow.

22 He furthered the violent with his power; he did not lend to anyone in his life.

23 *If* he gave credit *to some* to take *them* over, his eyes *were* upon their ways.

24 They were exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all *others* and cut off as the tops of the heads of grain.

25 And if *it is* not so now, who will make me a liar or reduce my speech to nothing?

Job 25

- 1 ¶ Then Bildad, the Shuhite, answered, and said,
- 2 Dominion and fear *are* with *God*; he makes peace in his high places.
- 3 Is there any number to his armies? And upon whom does his light not arise?
- 4 How then can man be justified with God? Or how can he that is born of a woman be clean?
- 5 Behold, even the moon shall not shine, neither are the stars pure in his sight.
- 6 How much less man, *who is as* a worm, and the son of man, *who is also* a worm?

Job 26

1 ¶ Job answered and said,

2 How hast thou helped the one who has no power? Hast thou saved with thy arm the one who has no strength?

3 How hast thou counselled the one that has no wisdom? and *how* hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

4 To whom hast thou uttered words, and whose is the spirit that comes forth from thee?

5 ¶ Dead *things* are formed under the waters and of its dwelling places.

6 Sheol *is* naked before him, and hell has no covering.

7 He stretches out the north wind over the empty place *and* hangs the earth upon nothing.

8 He binds up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

9 He holds back the face of his throne *and* spreads his cloud upon it.

10 He has compassed the waters with bounds until the end of light and darkness.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.

12 He divides the sea with his power, and by his intelligence he smites its pride.

13 By his spirit he has adorned the heavens; his hand has formed the fleeing serpent.

14 Behold, these *are* parts of his ways; but how little a portion have we heard of him? For the thunder of his power, who shall understand?

Job 27

- 1 ¶ Moreover, Job continued his parable and said,
2 As God lives, *who* has taken away my rights; and the Almighty, *who* has made my soul bitter,
3 that all the while my breath *is* in me, and the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils,
4 my lips shall not speak iniquity, nor my tongue utter deceit.
5 In no wise should I justify you; until I die I will not remove my integrity from me.
6 I hold fast to my righteousness and will not let it go; my heart shall not reproach *me* so long as I live.
7 ¶ Let my enemy be as the wicked and my adversary as the unrighteous.
8 For what *is* the hope of the hypocrite, though he has stolen much, when God takes away his soul?
9 Will God hear his cry when the tribulation comes upon him?
10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? Will he always call upon God?
11 ¶ I will teach you *what there is* in the hand of God; I will not conceal that which *is* regarding the Almighty.
12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen *it*; why then are ye so completely vain?
13 This *is* the portion of a wicked man with God and the heritage of the violent, *which* they shall receive of the Almighty.
14 If their sons are multiplied, *it is* for the sword; and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death; and their widows shall not weep.
16 Though he heaps up silver as the dust and prepares raiment as the clay,
17 he may prepare *it*, but the just shall put *it* on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.
18 He built his house as a moth and as a booth *that* the keeper makes.

19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered; he shall open his eyes and not see anyone.

20 Terrors shall take hold on him as waters; a whirlwind shall carry him away in the night.

21 The east wind shall take him away, and he shall depart; the storm shall catch him up out of his place.

22 For *God* shall cast down on him and not spare; he would attempt to flee out of his hand.

23 *Men* shall clap their hands at him, and from his place they shall hiss at him.

Job 28

1 ¶ Surely there is a mine for the silver, and a place for gold *where* they refine *it*.

2 Iron is taken out of the dust, and bronze *is* melted *out of* the stone.

3 He set a border unto the darkness, and unto every perfect work that he made, he *placed* a stone of darkness and shadow of death.

4 The river breaks forth next to the inhabitant; *even the waters* forgotten of the foot, that were higher than man, are gone away.

5 Land out of which bread comes forth, and underneath it shall be as *if* it were converted in fire.

6 A place where its stones shall be sapphires; and it shall have dust of gold.

7 A path which no fowl knows and which the vulture's eye has never seen;

8 the young of the proud have not trodden it, nor has the fierce lion passed by it.

9 He put his hand upon the flint and overturned the mountains from the root.

10 He cut rivers out of the rocks; and his eye saw every precious thing.

11 He detained the rivers in their source and caused that which was hid to be brought to light.

12 But where shall wisdom be found? And where *is* the place of understanding?

13 Man never knew its price; neither is it found in the land of the living.

14 ¶ The deep saith, *It is* not in me; and the sea saith, *It is* not with me.

15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed *for* its price.

16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx or the sapphire.

17 Gold cannot equal it, nor can diamond; neither shall it be exchanged for vessels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls; for wisdom is better than precious stones.

19 The emerald of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

20 ¶ Where then does wisdom come from? And where *is* the place of understanding?

21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living and kept concealed from every fowl of the heaven.

22 Hell and death say, We have heard its fame with our ears.

23 God understands its way, and he *alone* knows its place.

24 For he looks unto the ends of the earth *and* sees under the whole heaven,

25 To make a weight for the wind and to supply water by measure,

26 when he made a law for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunders.

27 Then he saw it and counted it; he prepared it and also searched it out.

28 And unto man he said, Behold, that the fear of the Lord, *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

Job 29

1 ¶ Moreover, Job continued his parable and said,
2 Oh, that I were as *in* months past, as *in* the days *when* God preserved me;
3 when his lamp shone upon my head, and by its light I walked in the darkness;
4 as I was in the days of my youth, when God was familiar in my tent;
5 when the Almighty *was* yet with me, *when* my children *were* about me;
6 when I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil!
7 ¶ When I went out to the gate to judgment, *when* I had my seat prepared in the plaza!
8 The young men would see me and hide themselves, and the aged would arise *and* stand.
9 The princes would refrain from talking and lay *their* hand on their mouth;
10 the voice of the principals would not be noticed, and their tongue would cleave to the roof of their mouth.
11 When the ears that heard me, called me blessed; and when the eyes that saw me, gave witness to me:
12 because I delivered the poor that cried and the fatherless who had no one to help him.
13 The blessing of the one that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me as a robe; and my diadem was judgment.
15 I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame.
16 I *was* a father to the needy; and the cause *which* I did not know I searched out.
17 And I broke the fangs of the wicked and caused their teeth to release the prey.
18 ¶ Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply *my* days as the sand.

19 My root *is* spread out by the waters, and the dew shall remain upon my branches.

20 My glory is renewed with me, and my bow is renewed in my hand.

21 They would hear me and wait, and keep silent at my counsel.

22 After my words they would not reply, but my reason dropped upon them.

23 And they waited for me as for the rain, and they opened their mouth wide *as* for the latter rain.

24 *If* I laughed at them, they did not believe *it*; and they did not cast down the light of my countenance.

25 I approved their way and sat at the head and dwelt as a king in the army, as one *that* comforts the mourners.

Job 30

1 ¶ But now *those that are* younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

2 For, unto what *might* the strength of their hands *profit* me, in whom time was lost?

3 For want and famine *they walked* alone; fleeing into solitude, to the dark place, desolate and waste.

4 Who cut up mallows among the bushes and juniper roots *for* their food.

5 They were driven forth from among *men* (they cried after them as *after* a thief).

6 They dwelt in the cliffs of the valleys, *in* caves of the earth, and *in* the rocks.

7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

8 *They were* sons of fools and men without names; they were lower than the earth.

9 And now I am their song, and I am their byword.

10 They abhor me, they distance themselves from me, and do not spare to spit in my face.

11 Because *God* has loosed my cord and afflicted me, they have also gone out of control before my face.

12 Upon *my* right *hand* rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

13 They cast down my path, they took advantage of my calamity, against them there was no helper.

14 They came in as through a wide breach; they were stirred up because of my calamity.

15 ¶ They have loosed terrors upon me; they fought my will as the wind and my saving health as a cloud that passes.

16 And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

17 My bones pierce me in the night, and my sinews take no rest.

18 By the great force *of my disease* my garment is changed; it binds me about as the collar of my coat.

19 He has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes.

20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me; I present myself, and thou regardest me *not*.

21 Thou art become cruel to me; with the strength of thy hand thou dost hate me.

22 Thou didst lift me up and cause me to ride upon the wind, and didst dissolve my being.

23 For I know *that* thou dost conduct me unto death and *to* the house appointed for all living.

24 But he will not stretch out *his* hand against the grave; do those who are buried cry out when he destroys them?

25 Did I not weep for the one that was in trouble? Was *not* my soul grieved for the needy?

26 When I expected good, then evil came *unto me*; and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

27 My bowels boil and do not rest; the days of affliction came upon me.

28 I went about darkened, but not by the sun; I stood up and cried out in the congregation.

29 I have become a brother to dragons and a companion to owls.

30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.

31 My harp is *turned* to mourning, and my organ into the voice of those that weep.

Job 31

- 1 ¶ I made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a maid?
2 For what reward would God *give me* from above and *what* inheritance of the Almighty from on high?
3 Is there no destruction for the wicked? And banishment for the workers of iniquity?
4 Does he not see my ways and count all my steps?
5 If I have walked with falsehood or if my foot has hastened to deceit,
6 let me be weighed in a just balance, that God may know my integrity.
7 If my step has turned out of the way and my heart walked after my eyes and if any blot has cleaved to my hands,
8 *then* let me sow, and let another eat, and let my offspring be rooted out.
9 ¶ If my heart has been deceived regarding a woman, or *if* I have laid in wait at my neighbour's door,
10 *then* let my wife grind for another, and let others bow down upon her.
11 For this is lewdness and iniquity that is proven.
12 For it *is* a fire *that* consumes unto hell and would root out all my increase.
13 If I had despised the right of my manslave or of my maids slave, when they contended with me;
14 what then would I do when God rises up? And when he visits, what would I answer him?
15 Did not he that made me in the belly *also* make him? And did not *the same* one fashion us in the womb?
16 ¶ If I have disturbed the desire of the poor or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;
17 or have eaten my morsel alone and the fatherless has not eaten thereof;
18 (for from my youth the *fatherless* was brought up with me, as *with* a father, and I have guided the *widow* from my mother's womb)
19 if I have seen any perish for want of clothing or any needy without *a* covering;

20 if his loins have not blessed me and *if* he were *not* warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

21 if I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, even when I saw that they would all help me in the gate;

22 *then* let my back fall from my shoulder blade, and my arm be broken from its joint.

23 For I feared destruction *from* God, against whose highness I could have no power.

24 ¶ If I have made gold my hope or have said to the fine gold, *Thou art* my confidence;

25 if I rejoiced because my wealth *was* being multiplied, and because my hand had gotten much;

26 if I beheld the sun when it shone or the moon walking *in* beauty;

27 and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth kissed my hand;

28 this would also be a proven iniquity; for I should have denied the God that is sovereign.

29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of the one that hated me or lifted up myself when evil found him;

30 for I have never even suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse upon his soul;

31 when the servants of my tent said, Oh that we had of his flesh! We would never be satisfied.

32 The stranger did not lodge in the street, *but* I opened my doors to the traveller.

33 ¶ If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding my iniquity in my bosom;

34 if I feared a great multitude or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, *and* did not go out of the door?

35 Oh that someone would hear me! Behold, my mark *is*, *that* the Almighty will testify for me, even though my adversary had written down the charges.

36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder *and* bind it *as* a crown to me.

37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince I would go near unto him.

38 If my land cries against me and all its furrows likewise complain;
39 if I ate of its strength without money or have afflicted the soul of its owners;
40 let thistles grow up unto me instead of wheat and stinkweed instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

Job 32

1 ¶ So these three men ceased to answer Job because he *was* righteous in his own eyes.

2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel, the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram, was kindled; against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled because they had found no answer, and *yet* had condemned Job.

4 Now Elihu had waited until Job had spoken because they *were all* elder than he.

5 But when Elihu saw that *there was* no answer in the mouth of *these* three men, then his wrath was kindled.

6 ¶ And Elihu, the son of Barachel, the Buzite, answered and said, I *am* younger, and ye *are* older; therefore, I was afraid, and I feared to declare unto you my opinion.

7 I said, Days shall speak, and the multitude of years shall declare wisdom.

8 Certainly *there is* a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty gives them understanding.

9 Great men are not *always* wise; neither do the aged understand judgment.

10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will declare my knowledge.

11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your arguments, while ye searched out what to say.

12 Even so, I attended unto you, and, behold, *there was* none of you to reprove Job *or* to answer his words.

13 Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom; it is needful that God thrust him down, and not man.

14 Now he has not directed *his* words against me; neither will I answer him with your reasons.

15 ¶ They were amazed, they answered no more; they left off speaking.

16 And I waited, (for they did not speak, but stopped, *and* answered no more);

17 *I said*, I will also answer my part, I will also declare my opinion.

18 For I am full of words; the spirit within me constrains me.

19 Behold, my belly *is* as wine *which* has no vent; it is ready to burst forth like spirits.

20 I will speak, that I may be able to breathe; I will open my lips and answer.

21 I will not now be a respecter of persons, neither will I give flattering titles unto man.

22 For I do not know *how* to give flattering titles; *otherwise* my maker would soon take me away.

Job 33

- 1 ¶ Therefore, Job, hear now my reasons, and hearken to all my words.
- 2 Behold, now I shall open my mouth, my tongue shall speak in my mouth.
- 3 My reasons declare the uprightness of my heart; and my lips shall utter pure knowledge.
- 4 The Spirit of God made me, and the breath of the Almighty gave me life.
- 5 If thou canst answer me, set *thy words* in order before me, stand up.
- 6 Behold, I *am* according to thy wish in God's stead; I also am formed out of the clay.
- 7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.
- 8 ¶ Surely thou hast spoken in my hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy words, saying,*
- 9 I am clean without rebellion, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me.
- 10 Behold, *God* sought occasions against me, he counts me for his enemy,
- 11 he put my feet in the stocks, he guards all my paths.
- 12 Behold, *in* this thou art not just; I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.
- 13 Why dost thou strive against him? For he will not answer all of thy words.
- 14 ¶ Nevertheless, in one or two manners God speaks to the one who does not see.
- 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;
- 16 then he opens the ears of men and seals their instruction,
- 17 that he may withdraw the man *from his own* work and cover the man from pride.
- 18 *Thus* he keeps back his soul from the pit and his life from perishing by the sword.
- 19 ¶ He is chastened also upon his bed with strong pain in all his bones,

20 so that his life abhors bread and his soul dainty food.

21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones *that* were not seen stick out.

22 His soul shall draw near to the grave, and his life to those that would bury him.

23 If there is a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show unto man his uprightness;

24 to tell him that *God* had mercy on him, that he delivered him from going down to the pit; that he found a ransom;

25 his flesh shall become more tender than a child's; and he shall return to the days of his youth.

26 He shall pray unto God, and he will love him; and he shall see his face with shouts of joy; for he will render unto the man the recompense of his righteousness.

27 He looks upon men, and *if any* say, I have sinned and perverted *that which was* right, and it did not profit me;

28 *God* will ransom his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

29 ¶ Behold, God does all these things two and three times with man,

30 to turn back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

31 Hear me, O Job, hearken unto me; be silent, and I will speak.

32 If thou hast anything to say, answer me; speak, for I desire to justify thee.

33 If not, hearken unto me; be silent, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

Job 34

- 1 ¶ Furthermore, Elihu answered and said,
2 Hear my words, O ye wise *men*; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.
3 For the ear tries words, as the mouth tastes food.
4 Let us choose our judgment; let us know among ourselves what *is* good.
5 For Job has said, I am righteous; and God has taken away my right.
6 In my judgment he was a liar, my arrow *wound* is grievous without *my having committed a* transgression.
7 What man *is* like Job, *who* drinks up the scorn like water?
8 Who goes in company with the workers of iniquity, and walks with wicked men.
9 For he said, It shall profit a man nothing that he should conform his will with God.
10 ¶ Therefore, hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, *that he should do* wickedness; and *from* the Almighty, *that he should commit* iniquity.
11 For he shall pay man *according* to his work and cause every man to find according to *his* ways.
12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.
13 Who visited the earth for him? And who set the whole world in order?
14 If he were to set his heart upon man and gather unto himself his spirit and his breath,
15 all flesh would perish together, and man would turn again unto dust.
16 ¶ If now *thou hast* understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.
17 Shall even he that hates judgment govern? And wilt thou condemn the Mighty One that is righteous?
18 *Is it fit* to say to the king, *Thou art of* Belial *and* to the princes, Ye *are* ungodly?

19 *How much less to him* who is not a respecter of the persons of princes, nor respects the rich more than the poor; for they all *are* the work of his hands.

20 In a moment they shall die, and the peoples shall be troubled at midnight and shall pass away; and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

21 For his eyes *are* upon the ways of man, and he sees all his steps.

22 *There is* no darkness nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 For he will not lay upon man more *than that which is just*; that he should enter into judgment with God.

24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number and set others in their stead.

25 Therefore, he shall cause their works to be notorious, when he shall overturn *them* in the night, so that they are destroyed.

26 He shall strike them as wicked men in the open sight of others

27 because thus they turned back from him and would not consider any of his ways

28 so that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he hears the cry of the afflicted.

29 When he gives rest, who then can make trouble? If he hides *his* face, who then can behold him? This applies to a nation and the same to a man,

30 that the hypocrite not reign, lest the people be ensnared.

31 ¶ For it is of God to say, I have forgiven, I will no longer destroy.

32 Teach me that which I do not see; if I have done iniquity, I will do it no more.

33 Will he perchance finish his work by thee; whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose, or by me? Speak what thou knowest.

34 The men of understanding will say as I *say*, and the wise man will hearken unto me.

35 Job has spoken without knowledge, and his words *were* without prudence.

36 My desire *is that* Job may be tried unto the end, that there may be answers against wicked men.

37 For he added rebellion unto his sin, he claps *his hands* among us and multiplies his words against God.

Job 35

- 1 ¶ Elihu proceeded in his reasoning and said,
2 Dost thou think this to be right, *when* thou didst say, I am more righteous than God?
3 For thou didst say, What advantage will it be unto thee? *And*, What profit shall I have, *if* I am cleansed from my sin?
4 I will answer thee and thy companions with thee.
5 Look unto the heavens and see; and behold the heavens *which* are higher than thou.
6 If thou dost sin, what hast thou done against him? Or *if* thy rebellion is multiplied, what doest thou unto him?
7 If thou art righteous, what shalt thou give him? Or what shall he receive of thine hand?
8 Thy wickedness *shall hurt* a man as thou *art*; and thy righteousness *shall profit* the son of man.
9 ¶ By reason of the great violence they shall call out; they cry out because of the strength of the many.
10 But no one shall say, Where *is* God my maker, who gives songs in the night;
11 who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth and makes us wiser than the fowls of heaven?
12 There they shall cry, but he shall give no answer because of the pride of those that are evil.
13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty look upon it.
14 ¶ For much that thou dost say, he will not look upon it, *submit to* judgment before him, and trust thou in him.
15 But now, because he has not visited in wrath; nor is it known in great extremity;
16 therefore, Job opened his mouth in vain and multiplied words without knowledge.

Job 36

1 ¶ And Elihu added and said,

2 Wait for me a little, and I will teach thee; for I yet speak on God's behalf.

3 I will take my knowledge from afar and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

4 For truly my words *are* not lies; *for I share* perfect knowledge with thee.

5 ¶ Behold, God *is* mighty and does not despise; *he is* mighty in virtue of heart.

6 He shall not give life to the wicked; but to the poor he shall give their right.

7 He shall not withdraw his eyes from the righteous; but with kings he shall place them on the throne for ever, and they shall be exalted.

8 And if they were bound in fetters and captive in cords of affliction,

9 then he shall show them their work and that their rebellions prevailed.

10 He opens their ear to instruction and commands that they turn from iniquity.

11 If they hearken and serve *him*, they shall spend their days in goodness and their years in delight.

12 But if they do not hearken, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

13 But the hypocrites in heart shall irritate him more; they shall not cry out when he binds them.

14 Their soul shall die in youth, and their life *is* among the male *pagan cult* prostitutes.

15 ¶ He shall deliver the poor from his poverty, and in affliction shall open their ears.

16 Likewise, he would have removed thee out of the mouth of anguish *into* a broad place where *there is* no distress and should have set thy table full of fatness.

17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked, against the judgment and the justice that sustain *everything*.

18 Therefore it is to be feared that he take thee away with *a* stroke, which cannot be avoided even with a great ransom.

19 Will he esteem thy riches? *No*, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

20 Do not desire the night, when he cuts people off in their place.

21 Take heed, do not regard iniquity, to choose it rather than poverty.

22 Behold, God is exalted by his power; what teacher is like him?

23 Who has prescribed his way unto him? Or who shall say unto him, Thou hast wrought iniquity?

24 ¶ Remember to magnify his work, which men behold.

25 Every man may see it; man may behold *it* afar off.

26 Behold, God *is* great, and we know *him* not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.

27 For he detains the drops of water; when the rain pours down rain out of its vapour,

28 which the clouds do drop *and* distil upon man abundantly.

29 Shall you understand the spreadings of the clouds *or* the noise of his tent?

30 Behold, he spreads his light upon it and covers the roots of the sea.

31 For by them he judges the peoples; he gives food to the multitude.

32 With the clouds he covers the light and commands them *to come* against *the light*.

33 *The one* gives news of the other; *the one* acquires wrath against the one that comes.

Job 37

- 1 ¶ At this also my heart trembles and is moved out of its place.
2 Hear attentively his terrible voice and the word *that* goes out of his mouth.
3 He shall place it straight under the whole of the heavens, and his light *shall extend* unto the ends of the earth.
4 After it shall the sound roar; his valiant voice shall thunder; and he will not stay them even when his voice is heard.
5 God shall thunder marvelously with his voice; he does great things, which we cannot comprehend.
6 ¶ For he saith to the snow, Be thou *on* the earth; rain after rain, and rain after rain in his strength.
7 He seals up the hand of every man that all men may know his work.
8 Then the beast shall go into its lair and inhabit its dwelling.
9 Out of the south comes the whirlwind and cold out of the north wind.
10 By the breath of God ice is given; and the broad waters are constrained.
11 In addition to this, with clarity he wearies the thick clouds; and he scatters them with his light.
12 And they are turned round about by his counsels; that they may do whatever he commands them upon the face of the world in the earth.
13 On some occasions for correction, on others for his land, on others for mercy he causes them to appear.
14 ¶ Hearken unto this, Job; stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.
15 Dost thou know when God disposed them and caused the light of his cloud to shine?
16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of the one who is perfect in knowledge?
17 How thy garments *are* warm, when he quiets the earth by the south *wind*?
18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, *which* is strong *and* as a molten looking glass?

19 Teach us what we should say unto him; *for* we cannot order *our speech* by reason of darkness.

20 Shall it be told him when I speak? When someone is swallowed up shall it be told him?

21 ¶ Also, sometimes the clear light which *is* in the heavens is not seen, but the wind passes and cleanses them.

22 Fair weather comes out of the north; with God *is* terrible majesty.

23 *Touching* the Almighty, we cannot find him out; *he is* excellent in power and in judgment, and in plenty of righteousness he will not afflict.

24 Men, therefore, shall fear him; all the crafty of heart shall not see him.

Job 38

- 1 ¶ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,
2 Who *is* this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
3 Now gird up thy loins like a man; for I will enquire of thee, and answer thou me.
4 ¶ Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Cause me to know, if thou hast understanding.
5 Who ordered its dimensions, if thou knowest? Or who has stretched the line upon it?
6 Upon what are its foundations founded? Or who laid its corner stone;
7 when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
8 Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it broke forth, *as if* it had issued out of the womb?
9 When I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness a swaddling band for it,
10 and established my decree upon it, and set bars and doors,
11 and said, Thou shalt come unto here, but no further; and there shall the pride of thy waves be stayed.
12 ¶ Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days? Hast thou shown the dayspring its place,
13 that it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?
14 It is transformed as clay *to* the seal and then stands as a garment;
15 but the light of the wicked is taken from them, and the high arm is broken.
16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? Or hast thou walked searching out the deep?
17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? Or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? Declare if thou knowest it all.

19 Where *is* the way to the habitation of the light, and where is the place of the darkness?

20 If thou shalt take it in its borders, and if thou should understand the paths *to* its house?

21 If thou didst know when thou wast to be born or if the number of thy days was to be great?

22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow, and hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

23 which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

24 By what way is the light divided; from where is the east wind scattered upon the earth?

25 ¶ Who has divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters or a way for the lightning of thunder,

26 to cause it to rain on the earth, *where* no man *is*; *on* the wilderness, in which *there is* no man;

27 to satisfy the desolate and waste *ground* and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

28 Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of the dew?

29 Out of whose womb came the ice, and the hoary frost of heaven, who has begotten it?

30 The waters harden as stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

32 Canst thou bring forth the signs of the heavens in their season, or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

33 Dost thou know the ordinances of the heavens? Canst thou use its power in the earth?

34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?

35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go and say unto thee, Here we *are*?

36 Who put wisdom in the inward parts? Or who gave intelligence to understanding?

37 Who declared the heavens in wisdom? Or who can stay the bottles of heaven

38 when the dust hardens and the clods cleave fast together?

39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion or fill the appetite of the young lions,

40 when they crouch in *their* dens *and* abide in their lairs to lie in wait?

41 Who provided food for the raven; when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of food?

Job 39

- 1 ¶ Knowest thou the time when the mountain goats bring forth? Hast thou observed when the hinds calve?
- 2 Canst thou number the months *that* they fulfil, and knowest thou the time when they bring forth?
- 3 *How* they crouch down, they bring forth their young ones, and dismiss their pain.
- 4 Their young ones are healthy, they grow up with grain; they go forth and never return unto them again.
- 5 Who freed the wild ass, and who loosed its bands?
- 6 Unto whom I made a house in the wilderness, and his dwellings in the salty land.
- 7 He laughs at the multitude of the city, neither does he hearken to the voice of the exactor *of tribute*.
- 8 The range of the mountains *is* his pasture, and he searches after every green thing.
- 9 Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee or abide by thy crib?
- 10 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? Will he harrow the valleys after thee?
- 11 Wilt thou trust him because his strength *is* great? Or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?
- 12 Wilt thou trust him, that he will bring home thy seed and gather *it into* thy barn?
- 13 ¶ Didst thou give beautiful wings unto the peacock, or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?
- 14 Who leaves her eggs in the earth and warms them in dust
- 15 and forgets that the foot may crush them or that the wild beast may break them.
- 16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though *they were* not hers, not fearing that her labour is in vain,

17 because God caused her to forget wisdom and did not give her understanding.

18 In her time she lifts up herself on high; she scorns the horse and his rider.

19 ¶ Hast thou given the horse strength? Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?

20 Canst thou make him leap as a grasshopper? The glory of his nostrils *is* formidable.

21 He paws at the earth and rejoices in *his* strength; he goes forth to meet the armed *men*.

22 He mocks fear and is not afraid; neither does he turn his face from the sword.

23 The quiver rattles against him, the glittering spear and the shield.

24 He swallows the ground with fierceness and rage; the sound of the shofar does not trouble him;

25 for the blasts of the shofar fill him with courage; he smells the battle afar off, the thunder of the princes and the sound of the battle-cry.

26 ¶ Does the hawk fly by thy industry *and* stretch her wings toward the south?

27 Does the eagle mount up at thy command and make her nest on high?

28 She dwells and abides on the rock upon the crag of the rock and the strong place.

29 From there she seeks food, *and* her eyes behold afar off.

30 Her young ones suck up the blood; and wherever the slain *are*, there she *is*.

Job 40

- 1 ¶ Moreover, the LORD answered Job and said,
2 Shall he that contends with the Almighty instruct *him*? Let him that disputes with God answer this.
3 Then Job answered the LORD and said,
4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay my hand over my mouth.
5 Once I have spoken; but I will not answer; even twice, but I will proceed no further.
6 ¶ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,
7 Gird up thy loins now like a man; I will ask thee, and explain thou unto me.
8 Wilt thou disannul my judgment? Wilt thou condemn me, that thou may be justified?
9 Hast thou an arm like God? And canst thou thunder with a voice like him?
10 Deck thyself now *with* majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.
11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath; and behold every one *that is* proud and bring him down.
12 Look on every one *that is* proud, *and* bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.
13 Hide them in the dust together; *and* blindfold their faces in darkness.
14 Then I will also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.
15 ¶ Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eats grass as an ox.
16 Behold now, his strength *is* in his loins, and his force *is* in the navel of his belly.
17 He moves his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.
18 His bones *are as* strong as brass; his members *are* like bars of iron.

19 He is the beginning of the ways of God; he that made him shall make his sword draw near *unto him*.

20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

21 He shall lie down under the shade, in the covert of the reeds and of the damp places.

22 The shady *trees* cover him *with* their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.

23 Behold, he shall drink up a river *and* not change; he trusts that he can draw up the Jordan into his mouth.

24 His maker shall take him by *the weakness of* his eyes in a snare, and pierce through his nose.

Job 41

- 1 ¶ Canst thou draw out leviathan with a hook or with the cord *which* thou lettest down on his tongue?
- 2 Canst thou put a hook into his nose or bore his jaw through with a thorn?
- 3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? Will he speak soft *words* unto thee?
- 4 Will he make a covenant with thee that thou shall take him for a slave for ever?
- 5 Wilt thou play with him as *with* a bird, or wilt thou tie him up for thy maidens?
- 6 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? Shall they part him among the merchants?
- 7 Canst thou cut his skin with knives or his head with a fish spear?
- 8 Lay thine hand upon him; thou shalt remember the battle and do no more.
- 9 Behold, your hope *regarding* him shall fail; for even at the sight of him they shall faint.
- 10 No one *is* so bold as to dare stir him up; who then shall be able to stand before me?
- 11 ¶ Who has preceded me, that I should repay *him*? All that is under the whole heaven is mine.
- 12 I will not conceal his lies, nor his might, nor the beauty of his order.
- 13 Who shall uncover the face of his garment? *Or* who shall come to him with a double bridle?
- 14 Who shall open the doors of his face? The orders of his teeth *are* terrible.
- 15 His scales {Heb. shields} *are his* pride, shut up together *as with* a close seal.
- 16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.
- 17 They are joined one to another; they stick together, that they cannot be separated.
- 18 By his sneezings lights are lit, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, *and* sparks of fire leap out.
20 Out of his nostrils goes forth smoke, as *out* of a seething pot or caldron.
21 His breath kindles coals, and a flame goes out of his mouth.
22 In his neck dwells strength, and before him the work is undone.
23 The failings of his flesh are joined together; *his flesh* is firm in him and does not move.
24 His heart is as firm as a stone; as hard as a piece of the lower *millstone*.
25 Of his greatness, the mighty are afraid; by reason of breakings they remove sin from themselves.
26 When one catches up to him, no sword or spear or dart or coat of mail shall endure *against him*.
27 He esteems iron as straw *and* bronze as rotten wood.
28 The arrow cannot make him flee; with him, slingstones are turned into stubble.
29 He counts any weapon as stubble; he laughs at the shaking of a spear.
30 Broken clay vessels *are* under him; he carves his imprint upon the mire.
31 He makes the deep to boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.
32 He makes the path shine after him; *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary.
33 Upon earth there is not his like, who behaves without fear.
34 He despises all exalted *things*; he is king over all the sons of pride.

Job 42

1 ¶ Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

2 I know that thou canst do every *thing* and *that* there is no thought hidden from thee.

3 Who *is* he that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore, I have denounced that which I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

4 Hear, now, and I will speak; I will ask of thee, and thou shalt cause me to know.

5 With *my ears* I had heard thee; but now my eyes see thee.

6 Therefore, I abhor *myself* and repent in dust and ashes.

7 ¶ And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz, the Temanite, My wrath has been kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken by me in uprightness, as my slave Job *has*.

8 Therefore, take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my slave Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my slave Job shall pray for you; for only because I will accept him, I shall not deal with you *according to your* folly, in that ye have not spoken by me in uprightness, like my slave Job.

9 So Eliphaz, the Temanite, and Bildad, the Shuhite, *and* Zophar, the Naamathite, went, and did according as the LORD commanded them; and the LORD accepted Job.

10 ¶ And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends; also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11 Then all his brethren came unto him and all his sisters and all those that had been of his acquaintance before and ate bread with him in his house; and they condoled him and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; each one also gave him an ewe, and an earring of gold.

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep and six thousand camels and a thousand

yoke of oxen and a thousand she asses.

13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima, and the name of the second, Kezia, and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

15 And in all the land no women were found as beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

The
Psalms
of David

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Psalm 1

1 ¶ Blessed *is* the man that does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, and in his law he meditates day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

4 ¶ The ungodly *are* not so but *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 2

- 1 ¶ Why do the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his anointed, *saying*,
3 let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us.
4 He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in
derision.
5 Then he shall speak unto them in his wrath and trouble them in his sore
displeasure.
6 Yet I have set my king upon Zion, the mountain of my holiness.
7 ¶ I will declare the decree; the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my
Son; this day I have begotten thee.
8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the Gentiles *for* thine inheritance and *unto*
the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.
9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces
like a potter's vessel.
10 ¶ Understand now therefore, O ye kings: receive chastening, ye judges of
the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way when his wrath
is kindled in a little *while*. Blessed *are* all those that put their trust in him.

Psalm 3

*A Psalm of David,
when he fled from Absalom his son.*

1 ¶ LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! Many *are* they that rise up against me.

2 *There are* many who say of my soul, *There* is no help for him in God. Selah.

3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory and the lifter up of my head.

4 ¶ I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and *he* answered me out of the mountain of his holiness. Selah.

5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked, for the LORD sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that have set *themselves* against me round about.

7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God, for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the jawbone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation *belongs* unto the LORD; thy blessing *shall be* upon thy people. Selah.

Psalm 4

*To the Overcomer in Neginoth,
A Psalm of David.*

1 ¶ Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and* seek after the lie? Selah.

3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not; meditate in your heart upon your bed, and desist. Selah.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

6 ¶ *There are* many that say, Who will show us *any* good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart in the time *that* their grain and their wine multiplied.

8 I will both lay me down in peace and sleep: for thou only, O LORD, dost make me to be confident.

Psalm 5

*To the Overcomer upon Nehiloth,
A Psalm of David.*

- 1 ¶ Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my meditation.
- 2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God, for unto thee will I pray.
- 3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; early *will I* present myself unto thee and wait.
- 4 For thou *art* not a God that loves wickedness; neither shall one who is evil dwell with thee.
- 5 The foolish (*those who are governed by carnal thoughts or desires*) shall not stand in thy sight; thou dost hate all workers of iniquity.
- 6 Thou shalt destroy those that speak lies: the LORD will abominate the bloody and deceitful man.
- 7 ¶ But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear I will worship toward thy holy temple.
- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.
- 9 For *there is* no uprightness in their mouth; their inward part *is* very wickedness; their throat *is* an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.
- 10 Declare them guilty, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out for the multitude of their rebellions; for they have rebelled against thee.
- 11 And all those that put their trust in thee shall rejoice: they shall ever be in jubilee, for thou shalt cover them; and all that love thy name shall be joyful in thee.
- 12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

Psalm 6

*To the Overcomer in Neginoth upon Sheminith,
A Psalm of David.*

1 ¶ O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.

3 My soul is also greatly troubled; but thou, O LORD, how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

5 For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in Sheol who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night I flood my bed; I water my couch with my tears.

7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxes old because of all mine enemies.

8 ¶ Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity, for the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication; the LORD has received my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be ashamed; they shall be sorely troubled: they shall turn back *and* be ashamed suddenly.

Psalm 7

*Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD,
concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.*

- 1 ¶ O LORD my God, in thee I have put my trust: save me from all those that persecute me, and deliver me
- 2 Lest they take my soul, as a lion dismembers *his prey* when *there is* none to deliver.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done this: if there is iniquity in my hands,
4 if I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me, then let my persecutor escape without retribution.
- 5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*; let him tread down my life upon the earth and lay my honour in the dust. Selah.
- 6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger; lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake the judgment in my favour *that* thou hast commanded.
- 7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about, for their sakes therefore return thou on high.
- 8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity *that is* in me.
- 9 Let wickedness consume the wicked; but establish the just: for the righteous God is he who tries the hearts and kidneys.
- 10 ¶ My shield *is* in God, he who saves the upright in heart.
- 11 God is he who judges the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.
- 12 If he does not turn, he will whet his sword; he has bent his bow and made it ready.
- 13 He has also prepared for him the weapons of death; he ordains his arrows against the persecutors.
- 14 Behold, he travailes with iniquity and has conceived *of his own* work and brought forth falsehood.
- 15 He made a pit and deepened it and shall fall into the ditch *which* he made.
- 16 His work shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness and will sing
praise to the name of the LORD most high.

Psalm 8

*To the Overcomer upon Gittith,
A Psalm of David.*

1 ¶ O LORD our Lord, how great is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy praise above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou might still the enemy and the avenger.

3 ¶ When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou dost visit him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and hast crowned him with glory and beauty.

6 Thou hast made him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

7 all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, *and whatever* passes through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, how great is thy name in all the earth!

Psalm 9

*To the Overcomer upon Muthlabben,
A Psalm of David.*

1 ¶ I will praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High

3 because my enemies are turned back; they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast accomplished my judgment and my cause; thou didst sit in the throne judging *according to* righteousness.

5 Thou hast reprehended the Gentiles, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and the cities that thou hast destroyed; their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the LORD shall endure for ever; he has prepared his throne for judgment.

8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall judge the peoples in uprightness.

9 The LORD also will be a refuge to the humble, a refuge for the time of trouble.

10 And those that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, O LORD, hast not forsaken those that seek thee.

11 ¶ Sing unto the LORD, he who dwells in Zion; declare among the people his doings.

12 When he makes requirement for blood, he remembers them; he does not forget the cry of the humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* from those that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 that I may show forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy saving health.

15 The Gentiles are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid their own foot is taken.

16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he has executed; the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion (*meditate on this for ever*).
Selah.

17 The wicked shall be put into Sheol, all the Gentiles that forget God.

18 For the humble shall not always be forgotten: the hope of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the Gentiles be judged in thy sight.

20 Put fear into them, O LORD: *that* the Gentiles may know themselves *to be but* men. Selah.

Psalm 10

1 ¶ Why dost thou stand afar off, O LORD? *Why* dost thou hide *thyself* in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in *his* pride persecutes the poor; let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire and blesses the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhors.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, does not seek *after God*: God *is* not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight; *as for* all his enemies, he puffs at them.

6 He has said in his heart, I shall not be moved, for *I shall* never *be* in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.

8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places he murders the innocent: his eyes are secretly set against the poor.

9 He lies in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lies in wait to catch the poor: he catches the poor when he draws him into his net.

10 He crouches *and* hides himself, and many are those who fall under his power.

11 He has said in his heart, God has forgotten; he hides his face; he will never see *it*.

12 ¶ Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand; forget not the humble.

13 In what does the wicked irritate God? He has said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *accountability*.

14 Thou hast seen *it*, for thou dost behold mischief and spite to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor commits himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*; seek out his wickedness *until* thou find none.

16 The LORD *is* King for ever and ever; the Gentiles are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart; thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 to judge the fatherless and the oppressed that the man of the earth may no longer oppress.

Psalm 11

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ I put my trust in the LORD: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

2 For, behold, the wicked bend *their* bow; they make ready their arrow upon the string that they may secretly shoot at the upright in heart.

3 The foundations shall be destroyed. What has the righteous done?

4 ¶ The LORD *is* in the temple of his holiness, the LORD's throne *is* in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try the children of men.

5 The LORD tries the righteous, but the wicked and he that loves violence his soul hates.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, with winds of whirlwinds: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loves righteousness; his countenance beholds the upright.

Psalm 12

*To the Overcomer upon Sheminith,
A Psalm of David.*

1 ¶ Help, LORD; for the merciful man ceases, for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 Each one speaks vanity with his neighbour: they speak *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips *and* the tongue that speaks proud things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue we will prevail; our lips *are* our own: who *is* lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now I will arise, saith the LORD; I will set in safety the one whom *the wicked one* has ensnared.

6 The words of the LORD *are* pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked press in on every side when the vilest men are exalted.

Psalm 13

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes lest I sleep the *sleep of death*,

4 lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

6 I will sing unto the LORD because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 14

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ The fool has said in his heart, *There is no God*. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is no one that does good*.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any that did understand *and* seek God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is no one that does good, no, not one*.

4 ¶ The workers of iniquity certainly know *this*; those who eat up my people *as* they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD.

5 There they were in great fear: for God *is* with the nation of the righteous.

6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor because the LORD *is* his hope.

7 Oh that the saving health of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When the LORD turns back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

Psalm 15

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in the mountain of thy holiness?

2 He that walks in integrity and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.

3 *He that* does not backbite with his tongue nor does evil to his neighbour nor takes up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes the vile person is not esteemed; but he honours those that fear the LORD. *He that* swears to *his own* hurt and does not change.

5 *He that* does not put out his money to usury nor takes a bribe against the innocent. He that does these *things* shall never be moved.

Psalm 16

Michtam of David.

1 ¶ Preserve me, O God: for in thee I have put my trust.

2 I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my goodness: I have no goodness *apart from* thee;

3 to the saints that *are* in the earth and *to* the excellent: all my delight is towards them.

4 The sorrows of those *that* hasten *after* another god shall be multiplied; their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

5 The LORD *is* the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; thou dost maintain my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a beautiful inheritance.

7 I will bless the LORD, who gives me counsel: my kidneys also instruct me in the night seasons.

8 ¶ I have set the LORD always before me: because *when he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices: my flesh also shall rest secure.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in Sheol; neither wilt thou suffer thy Merciful One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fullness of joy; in thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 17

A Prayer of David.

1 ¶ Hear righteousness, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, *that* does not go out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold uprightness.

3 Thou hast proved my heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast refined me *and hast* found no iniquity; that which I thought did not pass through my mouth.

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have observed the ways of the violent.

5 Sustain my steps in thy ways *that* my footsteps not slip.

6 I have called upon thee, because thou dost hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me *and hear* my speech.

7 Show thy mercy *to be* marvellous, O Saviour of those who put their trust in thee, from those that rise up against thy right hand.

8 ¶ Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me with the shadow of thy wings,
9 from the wicked that oppress me, *from* my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about.

10 They are closed in *with* their own fat; with their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes upon throwing *us* down to the earth

12 like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *with* thy sword;

14 from men, *with* thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, *who have* their portion in *this* life and whose belly thou dost fill with thy provision: they satisfy their sons and leave the rest to their family.

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness.

Psalm 18

*To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David, the slave of the LORD,
who spoke unto the LORD the words of this song in the day
that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies,
and from the hand of Saul: And he said,*

1 ¶ I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The pain of death compassed me, and the rivers of Belial made me afraid.

5 The pain of Sheol compassed me about: the snares of death came before me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD and cried unto my God; he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the mountains collapsed and were removed because he was wroth.

8 Smoke went up out of his nostrils, and fire devoured out of his mouth; coals were kindled by it.

9 He lowered the heavens and came down; and darkness *was* under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub and flew: yea, he flew upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his hiding place; in his tabernacle round about him *were* dark waters and thick clouds of the heavens.

12 At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

13 The LORD thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

14 He sent out his arrows and scattered them; he shot out lightnings and destroyed them.

15 Then the depths of the waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from those who hated me, even though they were too strong for me.

18 They were ready for me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my staff.

19 He brought me forth also into a wide place; he delivered me because he delighted in me.

20 ¶ The LORD will reward me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he shall recompense me.

21 Because I have kept the ways of the LORD and did not become wicked *departing* in apostasy from my God.

22 For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was perfect before him, and I kept myself from my iniquity.

24 Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands before his eyes.

25 With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful; with a perfect man thou wilt show thyself perfect;

26 with the pure thou wilt show thyself pure; and with the perverse thou wilt show thyself adversary.

27 Therefore thou wilt save the humble people; but wilt bring down high looks.

28 For thou wilt light my fire: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

29 ¶ For with thee I have scattered armies; and in my God I have overcome walled *defenses*.

30 As *for* God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD is precise: a shield to all those that wait in him.

31 For who *is* God except the LORD? or who *is* a refuge except our God?

32 *It is* God that girds me with strength and makes my way perfect.

33 He makes my feet like hinds' *feet* and sets me upon my high places.

34 He trains my hands for the battle, so that a bow of bronze shall be broken by my arms.

35 *In the same manner* thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand will hold me up, and thy meekness shall multiply me.

36 Thou shall enlarge my steps under me, and my knees shall not tremble.

37 I shall pursue my enemies and overtake them: neither shall I turn again until they are consumed.

38 I shall smite them, and they will not be able to rise: they shall fall under my feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued my enemies under me.

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of my enemies that I might destroy those that hate me.

41 They cried out, but *there was* no one to save *them: even* unto the LORD, but he did not answer them.

42 Then I beat them as small as the dust before the wind: I scattered them as the dirt in the streets.

43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; *and* thou hast made me the head of the Gentiles: a people *whom* I did not know served me.

44 As soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me: the sons of strangers submitted themselves unto me even *against their will*.

45 The strangers fell away and were afraid in their close places.

46 The LORD lives; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 *It is* God that avenges me and subdues the peoples under me.

48 He delivers me from my enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the one who would betray me.

49 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the Gentiles and sing praises unto thy name.

50 He gives great deliverance to his king and shows mercy to his anointed,
to David, and to his seed for evermore.

Psalm 19

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows the work of his hands.

2 *One* day provides a word for the *next* day, and *one* night declares wisdom unto the *next* night.

3 *There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber *and* rejoices as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth *is* from the end of the heavens, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 ¶ The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever; the rights of the LORD *are* true, they are all just.

10 More to be desired *are they* than gold, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy slave warned, *and* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

12 Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.

13 Keep back thy slave also from pride *and arrogance*; let them not have dominion over me; then I shall be perfect, and I shall be innocent of the great rebellion.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm 20

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ *Let* the LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; *let* the name of the God of Jacob lift thee up

2 *and* send thee help from the sanctuary and strengthen thee out of Zion

3 *and* remember all thy offerings and reduce thy burnt sacrifice to *the ashes* of *burnt fat*, Selah.

4 Grant thee according to thine heart and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy saving health, and in the name of our God we will be standard-bearers: *let* the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

6 ¶ Now know I that the LORD has kept his anointed; he will hear him from the heavens of his holiness with the saving valour of his right hand.

7 Some *trust* in chariots and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright.

9 The LORD saves the king; let him hear us on the day when we call.

Psalm 21

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy saving health how greatly shall he rejoice!

2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire and hast not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.

3 For thou givest him beforehand the blessings of goodness; thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked life of thee, *and* thou didst give him length of days for ever and ever.

5 His glory *is* great in thy saving health; honour and beauty hast thou laid upon him.

6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever; thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 ¶ For the king trusts in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies; thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger; the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth and their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended evil against thee; they imagined a wicked device, *but* they did not prevail.

12 Therefore shalt thou separate them; thou shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: *so* will we sing and praise thy valour.

Psalm 22

*To the Overcomer upon Aijeleth Shahar,
A Psalm of David.*

1 ¶ My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou so far from helping me and from the words of my cry?*

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But thou *art* holy, O *thou* that inhabitest *in the midst of* the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee and were delivered: they trusted in thee and were not confounded.

6 But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of men and despised of the people.

7 All those that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*,

8 Turn him over to the LORD, *let him* deliver him, *let him* save him, seeing he delighted in him.

9 But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb; thou hast made me wait *upon thee* since I was upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb; thou *art* my God from my mother's belly.

11 ¶ Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* no one to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me round *about*.

13 They opened their mouth upon me *as* a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may count all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me.
18 They part my garments among them and cast lots upon my vesture.
19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my life from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth and from the horns of the unicorns.
22 ¶ I will declare thy name unto my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee.
23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the poor *in spirit*; neither has he hid his face from him, but when he cried unto him, he heard.
25 My praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation; I will pay my vows before those that fear him.
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied: those that seek him shall praise the LORD; your heart shall live for ever.
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto the LORD; and all the families of the Gentiles shall worship before thee.
28 For the kingdom *is* the LORD's, and *he* shall have dominion over the Gentiles.
29 All *those that are* fat upon earth shall eat and worship; all those that go down to the dust shall bow before him; and no one can keep his own soul alive.
30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.
31 They shall come and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he has done *this*.

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff shall comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup *is* running over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will rest in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalm 24

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ The earth *is* the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.

2 For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

3 ¶ Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in the place of his holiness?

4 He that has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not taken my name in vain, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his saving health.

6 This *is* the generation of those that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

7 ¶ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and lift yourselves up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; lift yourselves up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of the hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

Psalm 25

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ *Aleph* Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

2 *Beth* O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me.

3 *Gimel* Yea, none that wait on thee shall be ashamed; those which rebel without cause shall be ashamed.

4 *Daleth* Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

5 *He* Cause me to walk in thy truth and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my saving health; I have waited for thee all the day.

6 *Vau* Remember, O LORD, thy compassion and thy mercies, for they *have been* ever of old.

7 *Zain* Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my rebellions; according to thy mercy remember me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

8 ¶ *Cheth* Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore he will teach sinners in the way.

9 *Teth* He will cause the humble to pass through the judgment, and the meek he will teach his way.

10 *Jod* All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 *Caph* For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity; for it *is* great.

12 *Lamed* Who *is* the man that fears the LORD? Him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose.

13 *Mem* His soul shall rest in *that which is* good; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 *Nun* The secret of the LORD *is* for those that fear him, and he will show them his covenant.

15 ¶ *Samech* Mine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD, for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16 *Ain* Turn thee unto me and have mercy upon me, for I *am* desolate and afflicted.

17 *Tzaddi* The troubles of my heart are enlarged; O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 *Resh* Look upon my affliction and my pain and forgive all my sins.

19 *Resh* Consider my enemies, for they are multiplied; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

20 *Schin* O keep my soul and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in thee.

21 *Tau* Integrity and uprightness shall preserve me, for I have waited for thee.

22 *Pe* Ransom Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Psalm 26

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ Judge me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity; I have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide.

2 Examine me, O LORD and prove me; melt my kidneys and my heart.

3 For thy mercy *is* before my eyes, and I walk in thy truth.

4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with hypocrites.

5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers and will not sit with the wicked.

6 ¶ I will wash my hands in innocency, so I will walk near unto thine altar, O LORD:

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place of the tabernacle of thy glory.

9 Gather not my soul with the sinners, nor my life with those who have blood *on their hands*:

10 In whose hands *are* wicked devices, and their right hand is full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; ransom me and be merciful unto me.

12 I have walked uprightly; in the congregations I will bless the LORD.

Psalm 27

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, *even* my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.

4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the LORD and to enquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; in the secret of his tent shall he hide me; he shall set me high upon a rock.

6 And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tabernacle; I will sing, *yea*, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 ¶ Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me and answer me.

8 My heart has spoken *unto me* from thee, Seek my face. Thy face, O LORD, will I seek.

9 Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy slave away in anger: thou hast been my help; do not leave me or forsake me, O God of my saving health.

10 For my father and my mother have left me, and the LORD has taken me up.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a right path because of my enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of my enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 *I had fainted* unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, for the LORD.

Psalm 28

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent unto me lest, *if* thou be silent unto me, I become like those that go down into the grave.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward the oracle of thy holiness.

3 Do not catch me away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, who speak peace to their neighbours, but evil *is* in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their deeds and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render unto them their desert.

5 Because they do not regard the works of the LORD nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them and not build them up.

6 ¶ Blessed *be* the LORD because he has heard the voice of my supplications.

7 The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song I will praise him.

8 The LORD *is* the strength of his people, and he *is* the saving strength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people and bless thine inheritance; feed them also and lift them up for ever.

Psalm 29

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thunders: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

4 The voice of the LORD *is* powerful; the voice of the LORD *is* full of majesty.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; *yea*, the LORD broke the cedars of Lebanon.

6 And He made them skip like calves; Lebanon and Sirion like the sons of the unicorns.

7 The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD *that* shall shake the wilderness; the LORD shall shake the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD shall make the hinds to calve and shall uncover the forests: and in his temple every one speaks to *his* glory.

10 The LORD sits upon the flood; *yea*, the LORD sat down as King for ever.

11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people in peace.

Psalm 30

A Psalm and Song at the dedication of the house of David.

1 ¶ I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol; thou gavest me life from my descent into the grave.

4 Let his merciful ones sing unto the LORD, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his anger *endures but* a moment; in his will is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy *comes* in the morning.

6 ¶ And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong; thou didst hide thy face, *and* I was troubled.

8 I will cry unto thee, O GOD; and unto the Lord will I make supplication.

9 What profit *is there* in my blood when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? Shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O LORD and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

12 to the end that *I* may sing glory unto thee and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Psalm 31

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ In thee, O LORD, have I waited; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Incline thine ear unto me; deliver me speedily; be thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.

3 For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake thou shalt lead me and guide me.

4 Thou shalt pull me out of the net that they have laid in secret for me; for thou *art* my strength.

5 Into thy hand shall I commit my spirit; thou shalt ransom me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated those that regard lying vanities; but I wait in the LORD.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy, for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities

8 and hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; thou hast set my feet in a wide place.

9 ¶ Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: my eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is spent with grief and my years with sighing: my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a reproach among all my enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to my acquaintances: those that see me without flee from me.

12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I have become like a lost vessel.

13 For I have heard the slander of many; fear *was* on every side; while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD; I said, Thou *art* my God.

15 My times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those that persecute me.

16 Make thy face to shine upon thy slave; save me for thy mercies' sake.

17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD, for I have called upon thee; let the wicked be ashamed, *and* let them be cut off for Sheol.

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 ¶ *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for those that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for those that wait in thee before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt keep them in the secret place of thy face from the pride of man; thou shalt keep them in the tabernacle *protected* from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed *be* the LORD, for he has shown me his marvellous mercy in a strong city.

22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes; nevertheless thou hast heard the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

23 O love the LORD, all ye his merciful ones, *for* the LORD preserves the faithful and plentifully rewards the proud doer.

24 Be of good courage and strengthen your hearts, all ye that wait in the LORD.

Psalm 32

A Psalm of David, Maschil.

1 ¶ Blessed is *he* whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD does not impute iniquity and in whose spirit *there is* no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my green *growth* is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and I have not hid my iniquity. I said, I will confess (against myself) my rebellions unto the LORD, and thou shalt forgive the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6 For this shall every one that is merciful pray unto thee in the time when thou may be found; surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come near unto him.

7 ¶ Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will fix mine eyes upon thee.

9 Be ye not as the horse *or* as the mule, *which* have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in subjection with bit and bridle, or they will not come near unto thee.

10 *There are* many sorrows for the wicked; but he that waits in the LORD, mercy shall compass him *round* about.

11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, ye righteous, and shout for joy, all ye *that are* upright in heart.

Psalm 33

- 1 ¶ Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous, *for* to the upright praise is beautiful.
- 2 Celebrate unto the LORD with harp; sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.
- 3 Sing unto him a new song; play unto excellence with joy.
- 4 For the word of the LORD *is* right, and all his works *are done* in truth.
- 5 He loves righteousness and judgment; the earth is full of the mercy of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; he lays up the deeps for treasures.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it came into being.
- 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the Gentiles to nought; he makes the devices of the peoples of no effect.
- 11 The counsel of the LORD stands for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- 12 ¶ Blessed *is* the people whose God *is* the LORD; the people *whom* he has chosen for his own inheritance.
- 13 The LORD looked from heaven; he saw all the sons of Adam.
- 14 From the place of his habitation he looked upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
- 15 He fashioned all of their hearts; he considers all their works.
- 16 The king is not saved by the multitude of the army; the mighty man does not escape by much strength.
- 17 A horse *is* a vain thing for salvation; neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon those that fear him, upon those that wait for his mercy

19 to deliver their souls from death and to keep them alive in the famine.

20 Our soul waited for the LORD; he *is* our help and our shield.

21 Therefore our heart shall rejoice in him because we have trusted in the name of his holiness.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we have waited upon thee.

Psalm 34

*A Psalm of David,
when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech;
who drove him away, and he departed.*

1 ¶ *Aleph* I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

2 *Beth* My soul shall glory in the LORD; the meek shall hear *of this*, and be glad.

3 *Gimel* O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 *Daleth* I sought the LORD, and he heard me and delivered me from all my fears.

5 *He* They looked unto him and were lightened, and their faces were not ashamed.

6 *Vau* This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard *him* and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 *Zain* The angel of the LORD encamps round about those that fear him and delivers them.

8 *Cheth* O taste and see that the LORD *is* good; blessed *is* the man *that* shall trust in him.

9 *Teth* O fear the LORD, ye his saints; for those that fear him lack nothing.

10 *Jod* The young lions do lack and suffer hunger, but those that seek the LORD shall not lack any good *thing*.

11 ¶ *Caph* Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 *Lamed* Who *is* the man that desires life *and* loves *many* days that he may see good?

13 *Mem* Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14 *Nun* Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

15 *Samech* The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

16 *Ain* The anger of the LORD *is* against those that do evil to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 *Pe* The righteous cried out, and the LORD heard and delivered them out of all their troubles.

18 *Tzaddi* The LORD is near unto those that are of a broken heart and saves such as are of a contrite spirit.

19 *Koph* Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD shall deliver him out of them all,

20 *Resh* keeping all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

21 *Schin* Evil shall slay the wicked; and those that hate the righteous shall be declared guilty.

22 *Tau* The LORD ransoms the soul of his slaves, and none of those that trust in him shall be declared guilty.

Psalm 35

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ Plead *my cause*, O LORD, with those that strive with me; fight against those that fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up in my help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against those that persecute me; say unto my soul; I *am* thy saving health.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul; let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, and let the angel of the LORD chase *them*.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

7 For without cause they have hid their net for me *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have dug for my soul.

8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares, and let his net that he has hid catch himself; into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; it shall rejoice in his saving health.

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, who delivers the poor from him that is too strong for him, *yea*, the poor and the needy from him that spoils him?

11 ¶ False witnesses rose up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good until my soul was alone.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fasting, and my prayer rose up in my bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though *he had been* my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one that mourns *for his* mother.

15 But in my adversity they rejoiced and gathered themselves together; *yea*, the smiters gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they tore me *apart* and did not cease:

16 With immature hypocritical mockers, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 ¶ Lord, how long wilt thou look on? Restore my soul from their destructions, my life from the lions.

18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation; I will praise thee among many people.

19 Let not those that are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me; *neither* let those that hate me wink with the eye without a cause.

20 For they do not speak peace, but they devise deceitful matters against *those that are* meek in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye has seen *it*.

22 *This* thou hast seen, O LORD; do not keep silence; O Lord, do not be far from me.

23 Stir up thyself and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it; let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at my hurt; let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me.

27 Let them shout for joy and be glad that favour my righteous cause; let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, who has pleasure in the peace of his slave.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness *and* of thy praise all the day long.

Psalm 36

*To the Overcomer,
A Psalm of David the slave of the LORD.*

1 ¶ The rebellion of the wicked saith to my heart *that there* is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes until his iniquity is found to be hateful.

3 The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit; he has left off to be wise *and* to do good.

4 He devises iniquity upon his bed; he sets himself in a way *that* is not good; he does not abhor evil.

5 ¶ Thy mercy, O LORD, *reaches* unto the heavens, *and* thy truth *reaches* unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness *is* like the mountains of God; thy judgments *are* a great deep; O LORD, thou dost preserve man and beast.

7 How excellent *is* thy mercy, O God! therefore the sons of Adam cover themselves in the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house, and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee *is* the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light.

10 Extend thy mercy unto those that know thee and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen; they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

Psalm 37

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ *Aleph* Do not be angry with the evildoers, neither be thou envious of the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb.

3 *Beth* Wait in the LORD and do good; live in the land and uphold the truth.

4 In the same manner delight thyself in the LORD, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

5 *Gimel* Turn thy way unto the LORD and wait in him, and he shall bring *it* to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light and thy uprightness as the noonday.

7 ¶ *Daleth* Be silent before the LORD and wait *patiently* for him; do not be angry with him who prospers in his way, with the man who brings wicked devices to pass.

8 *He* Cease from anger and forsake wrath: let not thy wrath in any wise cause you to become evil.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off; but those that wait for the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

10 *Vau* For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall* not *be*; thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall* not *be*.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 *Zain* The wicked plots against the just and gnashes upon him with his teeth.

13 The Lord shall laugh at him, for he sees that his day is coming.

14 *He* The wicked have drawn out the sword and have bent their bow to cast down the poor and needy *and* to slay such as are of upright conversation.

15 Their sword shall enter into their *own* heart, and their bow shall be broken.

16 *Tet* A little that a righteous man has is better than the many riches of the sinners.

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous.

18 *Jod* The LORD knows the days of the perfect, and their inheritance shall be for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 *Caph* But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD as the fattest of rams shall be consumed; as smoke they shall fade away.

21 ¶ *Lamed* The wicked borrows and does not repay: but the righteous shows mercy and gives.

22 For *such as are* blessed of him shall inherit the earth, and *those that are* cursed of him shall be cut off.

23 *Mem* The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD, and he delights in his way.

24 Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the LORD upholds *him with* his hand.

25 *Nun* I have been young and *now* am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 *He is* ever merciful and lends, and his seed is a blessing.

27 *Samech* Depart from evil, and do good, and thou shalt live for evermore.

28 For the LORD loves uprightness and does not forsake his merciful ones; they are preserved for ever, but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 *Ain* The righteous shall inherit the earth and live upon it for ever.

30 *Pe* The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue brings forth judgment.

31 The law of his God *is* in his heart; therefore none of his steps shall slide.

32 *Tzaddi* The wicked watches the righteous and seeks to slay him.

33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 ¶ *Koph* Wait on the LORD and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the earth; when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*.

35 *Resh* I have seen the wicked in great power and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

36 Yet he passed away, and, behold, he *was* not: I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 *Schin* Mark the perfect, and behold the upright, for the end of each one of them *is* peace.

38 But the rebels were destroyed all together; the wicked were cut off in the end.

39 *Tau* But the salvation of the righteous is the LORD; *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And the LORD helped them and delivers them; he shall deliver them from the wicked and save them because they wait in him.

Psalm 38

*A Psalm of David,
to bring to remembrance.*

1 ¶ O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presses me sore.

3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither *is there* any rest in my bones because of my sin.

4 For my iniquities are gone over my head; as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.

6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease*, and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore broken; I roar by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire *is* before thee, and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart pants, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes, it also is gone from me.

11 My friends and my companions stand aloof from my sore, and my kinsmen stand afar off.

12 ¶ Those that seek after my life lay snares *for me*, and those that seek my hurt speak calamities and imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf *man* heard not, and *was* as a dumb man *that* did not open his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that does not hear, and in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.

15 For thee, O LORD, do I wait; thou wilt respond, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, Let them not rejoice over me; let them not magnify *themselves* against me when my foot slips.

17 For I *am* ready to halt, and my sorrow *is* continually before me.

18 Therefore I will declare my iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

19 For my enemies *are* alive, *and* they are strong, and those that hate me wrongfully are multiplied;

20 rendering evil for good they are against me because I follow *that which is* good.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me.

22 Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

Psalm 39

*To the Overcomer, even to Jeduthun,
A Psalm of David.*

1 ¶ I said, I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bit while the wicked is against me.

2 I was dumb with silence; I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was stirred.

3 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned; *then* I spoke with my tongue,

4 LORD, make me to know my end and the measure of my days, what it *is that* I may know how long I am to be of this world.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* a handbreadth, and my age *is* as nothing before thee; verily every man that lives *is* altogether vanity. Selah.

6 Surely man walks in darkness; surely they are disquieted in vain; they heap up *riches* not knowing who shall gather them.

7 ¶ And now, Lord, what shall I wait for? My hope *is* in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my rebellions; do not make me the reproach of the foolish.

9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth because thou didst *it*.

10 Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

11 When thou with chastening dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his greatness to consume away like a moth; surely every man *is* vanity. Selah.

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I *am* a stranger with thee *and* a sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.

13 O spare me, that I may recover strength before I go from here and be no more.

Psalm 40

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ I waited patiently for the LORD, and he inclined unto me and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of the pit of hopelessness, out of the miry clay and set my feet upon a rock *and* straightened my steps.

3 And he has put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God; many shall see *it* and fear and shall wait on the LORD.

4 Blessed *is* that man that makes the LORD his trust and does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 Thou hast increased, O LORD my God, thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done and thy thoughts regarding us; they are beyond our ability to express, declare, or speak; they cannot be told.

6 ¶ Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened; burnt offering and sin offering thou hast not required.

7 Then said I, Behold, I come; in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God; thy law *is* within my bowels.

9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy truth and thy salvation; I have not concealed thy mercy and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 ¶ Do not withhold thy tender mercies from me, O LORD; let thy mercy and thy truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about; my iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to see; they are more than the hairs of my head; therefore my heart fails me.

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my life to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

17 When I *am* poor and needy; the Lord will remember me; thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

Psalm 41

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ Blessed is he that understands regarding the poor; the LORD will deliver him in the day of evil.

2 The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth, and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing; thou wilt soften all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me; heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

5 ¶ My enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die and his name perish?

6 And if he came to see *me*, he spoke lies: his heart gathered iniquity to itself, and *when* he goes out, he tells *it*.

7 All that hate me congregate together and murmur against me; against me do they devise my hurt.

8 A disease of Belial, *they say*, cleaves fast unto him, and *now* that he lies he shall rise up no more.

9 Even the man of my peace, in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted up *his* heel against me.

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me and raise me up that I may requite them.

11 In this I shall know that I have pleased thee, that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 And as for me, thou sustained me in my integrity and hast seated me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

Psalm 42

*To the Overcomer: Maschil,
for the sons of Korah.*

1 ¶ As the hart pants after the water brooks, so does my soul pant after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say unto me, *Where is thy God?*

4 I will remember these *things*; I will pour out my soul in me. When I shall be included in the number; I will go with them to the house of God with voice of joy and praise, dancing *in* the multitude.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted against me? Wait thou for God, for I shall yet praise him *for* the wellbeing of his presence.

6 ¶ O my God, my soul is cast down within me; therefore I will remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the mountain of Mizar.

7 Deep calls unto deep at the voice of thy waterspouts; all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 *Yet* the LORD will command his mercy in the daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God, My rock, why hast thou forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 *It is* as death in my bones when my enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, *Where is thy God?*

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Wait thou for God, for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the saving health of my countenance and my God.

Psalm 43

1 ¶ Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against those who are not merciful; O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou *art* the God of my strength; why dost thou cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto the mountain of thy holiness and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then I will enter in to the altar of God, unto the God *of* my exceeding joy; yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Wait for God, for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the saving health of my countenance and my God.

Psalm 44

To the Overcomer for the sons of Korah, Maschil.

1 ¶ We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days in the times of old.

2 *How* thou didst drive out the Gentiles with thy hand and plant them *in their place*; *how* thou didst afflict the peoples and cast them out.

3 For they did not get the land in inheritance by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them, but thy right hand and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance because thy delight was in them.

4 Thou art my King, O God; command saving health unto Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies; through thy name will we tread under those that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies and hast put to shame those that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9 ¶ But thou hast cast *us* off and put us to shame and doth not go forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy, and we are spoiled by those who hate us.

11 Thou hast given us *over* like sheep *appointed* for food and hast scattered us among the Gentiles.

12 Thou hast sold thy people for nothing and dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to those that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the Gentiles, a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion *is* continually before me, and the shame of my face has covered me,

16 for the voice of him that reproaches and blasphemes by reason of the enemy and of the avenger.

17 ¶ All this is come upon us; yet we have not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way

19 though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God or stretched out our hands to a strange god,

21 shall not God search this out? For he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? Arise, do not cast *us* off for ever.

24 Why dost thou hide thy face *and* forget our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly cleaves unto the earth.

26 Arise for our help and ransom us for thy mercies' sake.

Psalm 45

*To the Overcomer: upon Shoshannim lilies,
for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves.*

1 ¶ My heart is overflowing with a good word; I speak of the things which I have done concerning the king; my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the sons of men, grace is poured into thy lips; therefore God has blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* valiant, with thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty be prospered; ride upon the word of truth and of humility *and* of righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows, *by which* the peoples fall under thee, *penetrate* the heart of the enemies of the king.

6 ¶ Thy throne, O God, *is* eternal and for ever, the rod of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness; therefore God, thy God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments *smell* of myrrh and aloes *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women; the queen stands at thy right hand with a *crown of gold* from Ophir.

10 ¶ Hearken, O daughter, and consider and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 so shall the king greatly desire thy beauty; and bow before him, for he *is* thy Lord.

12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift; *even* the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

13 The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework; the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought; they shall enter into the king's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy sons, whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations; therefore shall the people praise thee eternally and for ever.

Psalm 46

*To the Overcomer: for the sons of Korah,
A Song upon Alamoth.*

- 1 ¶ God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in tribulation.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea,
- 3 *though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the violence thereof. Selah.
- 4 *There is* a river, the streams of which shall make glad the city of God, the sanctuary of the tents of the most High.
- 5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, as the morning dawns.
- 6 ¶ The Gentiles raged, the kingdoms were moved; he uttered his voice, the earth melted.
- 7 The LORD of the hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he has made in the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and cuts the spear in sunder; he burns the chariot in the fire.
- 10 Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted in the Gentiles, I will be exalted in the earth.
- 11 The LORD of the hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

Psalm 47

*To the Overcomer:
A Psalm for the sons of Korah.*

1 ¶ O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

2 For the LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth.

3 He shall guide the peoples under us, and the Gentiles under our feet.

4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

5 ¶ God is gone up with a shout of joy, the LORD with the sound of the shofar.

6 Sing *praises* to God, sing *praises*; sing *praises* unto our King, sing *praises*.

7 For God *is* the King of all the earth; sing ye *praises* with understanding.

8 God reigns over the Gentiles; God sits upon the throne of his holiness.

9 The princes of the peoples have joined the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth *belong* unto God; he is greatly exalted.

Psalm 48

A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah.

1 ¶ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* Mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4 For, behold, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

5 They saw *it*, *and* so they marvelled; they were troubled *and* hasted away.

6 Fear took hold upon them there *and* pain as of a woman in travail.

7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

8 ¶ As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of the hosts, in the city of our God; God will establish it for ever. Selah.

9 We have conceived according to thy mercy, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

10 According to thy name, O God, so *is* thy praise unto the ends of the earth; thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad because of thy judgments.

12 Walk about Zion and go round about her; tell the towers thereof.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces that ye may tell *it* to the generation following.

14 For this God *is* our God eternally and for ever; he will be our guide *even* unto death.

Psalm 49

*To the Overcomer:
A Psalm for the sons of Korah.*

- 1 ¶ Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:
- 2 Both low and high, rich and poor, together.
- 3 My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart intelligence.
- 4 I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will declare my enigma upon the harp.
- 5 Why should I fear in the days of adversity *when* the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?
- 6 ¶ Those that trust in their wealth and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;
- 7 none *of them* can by any means ransom his brother, nor give God an atonement for him;
- 8 (for the redemption of their soul *is* of great price, and they shall never pay *it*)
- 9 that he should still live for ever *and* not see corruption.
- 10 For he sees *that* all the wise men die, likewise the fool and the ignorant perish and leave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their inward thought *is that* their houses are eternal *and* their dwelling places to all generations; they call *their* lands after their own names.
- 12 Nevertheless man will not abide *forever* in honour; he is like the beasts *that* are cut off.
- 13 This their way *is* their folly; yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.
- 14 Like sheep they are laid in Sheol; death shall feed on them, and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning, and their beauty shall be consumed in the grave from their dwelling.
- 15 ¶ Surely God will ransom my soul from the hand of Sheol when he shall take me. Selah.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

17 for in his death he shall carry nothing away; nor shall his glory descend after him.

18 Though while he lives, his life shall be blessed: and *men* will praise thee when thou art prosperous.

19 He shall enter into the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light forever.

20 Man *that is* in honour that does not understand is like the beasts *that* are cut off.

Psalm 50

A Psalm to Asaph.

1 ¶ The God of gods, *even* the LORD, has spoken and convoked the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined *forth*.

3 Our God shall come and shall not keep silence; a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 He shall convocate the heavens of above, and the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my merciful ones together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness, for God himself *is* the judge. Selah.

7 ¶ Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee; I *am* God, *even* thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee regarding thy sacrifices; thy burnt offerings are continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, *nor* he goats out of thy folds.

10 For every beast of the forest *is* mine *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field *are* with me.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; for the world *is* mine and the fullness thereof.

13 Must I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

14 Sacrifice praise unto God and pay thy vows unto the most High

15 and call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 ¶ But unto the wicked God saith, What *part* hast thou to declare my statutes or *that* thou should take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou dost hate chastening and dost cast my words behind thee.

18 When thou didst see a thief, then thou didst consent with him and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou didst give thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frames deceit.

20 Thou didst sit *and* speak against thy brother; thou didst slander thine own mother's son.

21 These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou didst think that I was altogether *such a one* as thyself, *but* I will reprove thee and set *them* in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I take you *away*, and *there be* none to deliver.

23 Whosoever sacrifices praise glorifies me; and to him that orders *his* ways *aright* I will show the salvation of God.

Psalm 51

*To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David,
when Nathan the prophet came unto him,
after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

- 1 ¶ Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy mercy; according unto the multitude of thy compassion eradicate my rebellion.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my rebellion; and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against thee, against thee only, have I sinned and done *this* evil in thy sight that thou be declared just in thy word *and* pure in thy judgment.
- 5 Behold, the pain of *my* iniquity has caused me to writhe; my mother conceived me so that sin might be removed from me.
- 6 Behold, thou dost desire truth in the inward parts, and in the secret *things* thou hast made me to know wisdom.
- 7 ¶ Remove the sin in me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.
- 9 Hide thy face from my sins and eradicate all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy saving health, and *thy* spirit of liberty shall uphold me.
- 13 *Then* I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
- 14 ¶ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation, *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- 16 For thou dost not desire sacrifice *or* else would I give *it*; thou dost not delight in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion; build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then thou shalt be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, the burnt offering, the offering that has been totally consumed by the fire; then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Psalm 52

*To the Overcomer, Maschil, A Psalm of David,
when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him,
David is come to the house of Ahimelech.*

1 ¶ Why dost thou boast of evil, O strong man? The mercy of God is day by day.

2 Thy tongue devises wickedness like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou dost love evil more than good; *and* lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

4 Thou dost love all devouring words, O *thou* deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise cast thee down for ever; he shall cut thee off and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

6 ¶ The righteous also shall see and fear and shall laugh at him, saying:

7 Behold, *this is* the man *that* did not make God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches *and* strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the eternal mercy of God for ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever because thou hast done *it*, and I will wait on thy name, for *it is* good before thy merciful ones.

Psalm 53

*To the Overcomer upon Mahalath,
Maschil, A Psalm of David.*

1 ¶ The fool has said in his heart, *There is no God*. They have corrupted themselves and have done abominable iniquity; *there is no one that does good*.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the sons of Adam to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back; they are altogether become filthy; *there is no one that does good, no, not one*.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread; they have not called upon God.

5 They were there in great fear *where* no fear was; for God has scattered the bones of him that encamps *against* thee: thou hast put *them* to shame because God has despised them.

6 Oh that the saving health of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

Psalm 54

*To the Overcomer on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David,
when the Ziphims came and said to Saul,
Does David not hide himself with us?*

- 1 ¶ Save me, O God, in thy name and defend me by thy valour.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul; they have not set God before them. Selah.
- 4 ¶ Behold, God *is* my helper; the Lord *is* with those that uphold my soul.
- 5 He shall reward evil unto my enemies; cut them off in thy truth.
- 6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee; I will praise thy name, O LORD; for *it is* good.
- 7 For he has delivered me out of all trouble, and my eye has seen *his desire* upon my enemies.

Psalm 55

*To the Overcomer on Neginoth, Maschil,
A Psalm of David.*

1 ¶ Give ear to my prayer, O God, and do not hide thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me and hear me: I mourn in my complaint and make a noise

3 because of the voice of the enemy because of the oppression of the wicked; for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me, and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror has overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! *for then* I would fly away and be at rest.

7 Behold, *then* I would flee far away *and* dwell in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm *and* tempest.

9 ¶ Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongues, for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof; iniquity also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof; deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it*, neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did magnify *himself* against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But *it was* thou, who in my estimation was, my lord, and of my own family.

14 We took sweet counsel together *and* walked unto the house of God in company.

15 Let them be condemned unto death, *and* let them go down alive into Sheol for wickedness *is* in their dwellings *and* among them.

16 ¶ As for me, I will call upon God, and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening and morning and at noon I will pray and cry aloud, and he shall hear my voice.

18 He has ransomed my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me, for there were many against me.

19 God shall hear and bring them down, even he that abides from of old. Selah. Because they do not change, nor do they fear God.

20 He has put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him; he has defiled his covenant.

21 *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they *were* drawn swords.

22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of the grave; bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days, but I will trust in thee.

Psalm 56

*To the Overcomer upon: The silent dove in a distant land,
Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.*

1 ¶ Be merciful unto me, O God, for man would swallow me up; he oppresses me fighting me daily.

2 My enemies would daily swallow *me* up, for *they are* many that fight against me, O thou most High.

3 When I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 Every day my life is filled with sorrow; all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps when they wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in *thine* anger cast down the peoples, O God.

8 ¶ Thou tellest my wanderings; put my tears into thy bottle; *are they* not in thy book?

9 When I cry *unto thee*, then shall my enemies be turned back; in this I know that God *is* for me.

10 In God I will praise *his* word; in the LORD I will praise *his* word.

11 In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid *of* what man can do unto me.

12 Thy promises *are* upon me, O God; I will render praises unto thee.

13 For *thou hast* delivered my life from death; thou hast kept my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Psalm 57

*To the Overcomer upon, Do not destroy, Michtam of David,
when he fled from the presence of Saul in the cave.*

1 ¶ Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusts in thee; and in the shadow of thy wings I will make my refuge until *these* calamities are overpast.

2 I will cry unto God most high, unto God that performs *all things* for me.

3 He shall send from the heavens and save me *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul *is* among lions, *and* I lie *even among* those that are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows and their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down; they have dug a pit before me, into the midst of which they are fallen *themselves*. Selah.

7 ¶ My heart is ready, O God, my heart is willing; I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp; I *myself* will arise early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

Psalm 58

*To the Overcomer upon,
Do not destroy, Michtam of David.*

1 ¶ Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of Adam?

2 Yea, in heart ye work iniquity; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent; *they are* like the deaf adder *that* stops her ear,

5 which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

6 ¶ Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth; break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually; *when* he bends *his* bow *to shoot* his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

8 As a snail *which* melts, let *them* pass away, *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the *fire of the* thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in *his* wrath.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous; verily there is a God that judges in the earth.

Psalm 59

*To the Overcomer upon, Do not destroy, Michtam of David;
when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.*

1 ¶ Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; defend me from those that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity and save me from bloodthirsty men.

3 For, behold, they lie in wait for my soul; the strong are gathered against me; I *am* not in rebellion, nor *in* sin, O LORD.

4 They run and prepare themselves when *I* have committed no iniquity; awake to help me and behold.

5 Thou, therefore, O LORD God of the hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the Gentiles; be not merciful to any rebellious *workers of* iniquity. Selah.

6 They will return at evening; they will bark like dogs and go round about *outside* the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth; swords *are* in their lips; for who, *say they*, doth hear?

8 ¶ But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the Gentiles in derision.

9 I will reserve his strength unto thee, for God *is* my defence.

10 The God of my mercy shall meet me *on the way*; God shall let me see *my desire* upon my enemies.

11 Slay them not lest my people forget; scatter them by thy power and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips, let them even be taken in their pride; they shall be subject to weakness and to a curse.

13 Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them* that they *may* not *be* and let them know that God rules in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

14 And at evening let them return *and* let them bark like dogs and go round about *outside* the city.

15 Let them wander up and down for food and murmur if they are not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power; I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning, for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing, for God *is* my defence *and* the God of my mercy.

Psalm 60

*To the Overcomer upon Shushaneduth, Michtam of David,
to teach; when he strove with Aramnaharaim and with Aramzobah,
when Joab returned and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.*

1 ¶ O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us; thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it; heal its breaches, for it shakes.

3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things; thou hast made us to drink the wine of shaking.

4 Thou hast given a banner to those that fear thee that they raise up for the truth. Selah.

5 That thy beloved may be delivered, save *with* thy right hand and hear me.

6 ¶ God has spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of my head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;

8 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom I will cast out my shoe; Philistia, triumph thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me *into* the strong city? Who will lead me into Edom?

10 Surely thou, O God, *who* had cast us off; and *thou*, O God, *who* did not go out with our armies.

11 Give us help from trouble, for vain *is* the salvation of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly, for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 61

*To the Overcomer upon Neginah,
A Psalm of David.*

- 1 ¶ Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.
- 2 From the end of the earth I will cry unto thee when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.
- 3 For thou hast been a shelter for me *and* a strong tower from the enemy.
- 4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever; I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.
- 5 ¶ For thou, O God, hast heard my vows; thou hast given an inheritance to those that fear thy name.
- 6 Thou wilt add days upon days unto the king's *life*; his years *shall be* from generation to generation.
- 7 He shall abide before God for ever; He is aware of mercy and truth *which* preserve him.
- 8 So I will sing thy name for ever, performing my vows each day.

Psalm 62

*To the Overcomer, to Jeduthun,
A Psalm of David.*

1 ¶ Only in God does my soul rest; from him *comes* my saving health.

2 He only *is* my rock and my saving health; *he is* my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? Shall ye murder each other *until ye are* as a bowing wall *and as* a tottering fence?

4 They only consult to cast *him* down from his greatness; they delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but they curse in their inward parts. Selah.

5 My soul, rest thou only in God, for my hope *is* from him.

6 He only *is* my rock and my saving health; *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved.

7 In God *is* my saving health and my glory; the rock of my strength *and* my refuge *is* in God.

8 ¶ Wait in him at all times; ye peoples, pour out your heart before him; God *is* our refuge. Selah.

9 Surely the sons of Adam *are* vanity, *and* the sons of nobles *are* a lie; to be laid in the balance, they *are* altogether *lighter* than vanity.

10 Trust not in violence and become not vain in the taking of spoil; if riches increase, set not your heart *upon them*.

11 God has spoken once; twice have I heard this that power *belongs* unto God.

12 Also unto thee, O Lord, *belongs* mercy, for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

Psalm 63

*A Psalm of David,
when he was in the wilderness of Judah.*

- 1 ¶ O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee; my soul thirsts for thee; my flesh longs for thee in a dry and thirsty land where *there* is no water;
- 2 in this manner I beheld thee in holiness when I beheld thy power and thy glory.
- 3 ¶ Because thy mercy *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee.
- 4 Thus will I bless thee in my life; in thy name shall I lift up my hands.
- 5 My soul shall be satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips
- 6 When I remember thee upon my bed *and* meditate on thee in the *night* watches.
- 7 ¶ Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
- 8 My soul has followed hard after thee; thy right hand has upheld me.
- 9 But those *that* sought my soul, to destroy *it*, descended into the lower parts of the earth.
- 10 They shall be slain by the sword; they shall be a portion for foxes.
- 11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that swears by him shall be praised; for the mouth of those that speak lies shall be stopped.

Psalm 64

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer; preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret *counsel* of the wicked, from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 Who whet their tongue like a sword *and* bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows, *even* bitter words

4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect; suddenly do they shoot at him and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves *in* an evil matter; they attempt to hide the snares; they say, Who shall see them?

6 They search out iniquities; they perfect and put into effect that which they have invented in the inward *thought* of each one *of them* and that which they have devised in their heart.

7 ¶ But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.

8 So they shall make their own council and agreements to fall upon themselves; all that see them shall flee away.

9 And all men shall fear and shall declare the work of God, for they shall understand his doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD and shall become secure in him, and all the upright in heart shall glory *in him*.

Psalm 65

*To the Overcomer,
A Psalm and Song of David.*

1 ¶ Praise doth rest in thee, O God, in Sion and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 Words of iniquity overwhelmed me, *but* thou shalt purge away our rebellion.

4 Blessed *is the man whom* thou dost choose and cause to approach *unto thee that* he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house *even* of thy holy temple.

5 With tremendous things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our saving health, *who art* the hope of all the ends of the earth and of those that are afar off *upon* the sea:

6 ¶ Thou art he who doth establish the mountains by thy strength, *being* girded with valour:

7 He who stills the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves and the tumult of the Gentiles.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy wonders; thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

9 Thou dost visit the earth, and when thou hast caused it to want, thou dost greatly enrich it with the river of God, *which* is full of water; thou dost prepare their grain, according to thy will.

10 Thou dost water its rows abundantly; thou dost settle its furrows; thou dost make it soft with showers *of rain*; thou dost bless its sprouting.

11 Thou dost crown the year with thy goodness, and thy clouds distill fatness.

12 They fall *upon* the habitations of the wilderness; and the hills gird themselves with happiness.

13 The plains clothe themselves with sheep, and the valleys cover themselves with grain; they give shouts of triumph, they even sing.

Psalm 66

To the Overcomer, A Song or Psalm.

- 1 ¶ Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth;
- 2 sing forth the glory of his name; put glory *into* thy praise.
- 3 Say unto God, How terrible *art thou* in thy works! Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.
- 4 All the earth shall worship thee and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing *to* thy name. Selah.
- 5 Come and see the works of God; *he is* terrible *in his* doing toward the sons of men.
- 6 He turned the sea into dry *land*; they went through the river on foot; there did we rejoice in him.
- 7 He rules by his power for ever; his eyes watch the Gentiles; the rebellious shall not exalt themselves. Selah.
- 8 ¶ O bless our God, ye peoples, and make the voice of his praise to be heard.
- 9 It is he who placed our soul into life and did not suffer our feet to slip.
- 10 For thou, O God, hast proved us; thou hast refined us as silver is refined.
- 11 Thou didst bring us into the net; thou didst lay affliction upon our loins.
- 12 Thou hast placed *a* man over our head; we went through fire and through water, but thou didst bring us out into abundance.
- 13 ¶ I will go into thy house with burnt offerings; I will pay thee my vows,
- 14 which my lips have uttered and my mouth has spoken when I was in trouble.
- 15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.
- 16 Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he has done unto my soul.
- 17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.
- 18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:
- 19 *But* verily God has heard *me*; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed *be* God, who has not turned away my prayer nor his mercy from me.

Psalm 67

*To the Overcomer on Neginoth,
A Psalm or Song.*

1 ¶ God be merciful unto us and bless us *and* cause his face to shine upon us. Selah.

2 That thy way may be known upon the earth, thy saving health among all the Gentiles.

3 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee.

4 O let the Gentiles be glad and sing for joy, for thou shalt judge the people righteously and shepherd the Gentiles upon the earth. Selah.

5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee.

6 *Then* shall the earth bring forth her fruit, *and* God, *even* our own God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 68

*To the Overcomer,
A Psalm or Song of David.*

1 ¶ Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let those that hate him flee before him.

2 As smoke is driven away; so drive *them* away: as wax melts before the fire, so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But the righteous shall be glad; they shall rejoice before God; they shall dance with joy.

4 Sing unto God, sing psalms unto his name; extol him that rides upon the heavens by his name JAH and rejoice before him.

5 A father of the fatherless and a defender of the widows *is* God in his holy habitation.

6 God sets the solitary in families; he brings out those who are bound with chains, but the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

7 ¶ O God, when thou didst go forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah:

8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped *their rain* at the presence of God; *even* Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, by which thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

10 Thy presence was in thy congregation; thou, O God, by thy goodness thou hast provided for the poor.

11 The Lord shall give *a word*; great *shall be* the host of the evangelists *thereof*.

12 Kings of armies fled apace, and she that dwells in the house divided the spoil.

13 Though ye be cast among the pots, *yet shall ye be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver and her feathers with yellow gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered the kings *that were* in her, she became *white* as the snow in Salmon.

15 ¶ The mountain of Bashan *is* the mountain of God; the mountain of Bashan is a high *mountain*.

16 Why leap ye, ye high mountains? *This is* the mountain *which* God desires to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.

17 The chariots of God *are* two thousand, thousands of angels; the Lord *is* among them *as in* Sinai, in the sanctuary.

18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive; thou hast received gifts for men, *yea, for* the rebellious also that the LORD God might dwell *among them*.

19 Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily lades us *with* benefits, *even* the God of our saving health. Selah.

20 *He that is* our God *is* the God of salvation, and unto GOD the Lord *belongs* the way of escape from death.

21 Surely God shall smite the head of his enemies, *and* the hairy scalp of such a one as goes on still in his trespasses.

22 ¶ The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring *my people* again from the depths of the sea:

23 Thy foot shall be dipped in the blood of *thine* enemies *and* the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

24 They have seen thy ways, O God, *even* the ways of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

25 The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed* after; in between *them were* the virgins playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations, *even* the Lord, ye of the lineage of Israel.

27 There *was* little Benjamin *as* their ruler, the princes of Judah *in* their congregation, the princes of Zebulun *and* the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God has commanded thy strength; confirm, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 From thy temple in Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Reprehend the company of spearmen, the multitude of the strong, with the lords of the peoples, trampling them underfoot with *their* pieces of silver; Destroy thou the peoples *that* delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 ¶ Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord, Selah:

33 To him that rides upon the heavens of the heavens *which were* of old; behold, he shall send forth his voice, *his* mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God; his excellency *is* over Israel, and his strength *is* in the clouds.

35 O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy sanctuaries; the God of Israel *is* he that gives strength and power unto *his* people. Blessed *be* God.

Psalm 69

*To the Overcomer upon Shoshannim (lilies),
A Psalm of David.*

- 1 ¶ Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul.
- 2 I sink in deep mire where *there is* no standing; I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.
- 3 I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried; my eyes fail while I wait for my God.
- 4 Those that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; those that would destroy me, *being* my enemies wrongfully, are mighty; then I restored *that* which I did not take away.
- 5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness, and my guiltiness is not hid from thee.
- 6 Do not let those that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of the hosts, be ashamed for my sake; do not let those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.
- 7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face.
- 8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren and an alien unto my mother's sons.
- 9 For the zeal of thy house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those that reproached thee are fallen upon me.
- 10 When I wept with fasting of my soul, thou hast been a reproach unto me.
- 11 I made sackcloth also my garment, and I became a proverb to them.
- 12 They that sat in the gate spoke against me, and I *was* the song of the drunkards.
- 13 ¶ But I *corrected* my prayer unto thee, O LORD, *in* the time of *thy* good pleasure; O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy saving health.
- 14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not drown; let me be delivered from those that hate me and out of the deep waters.
- 15 Let not the violent force of the waters overcome me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O LORD, for thy mercy *is* perceptible, look upon me according to the multitude of thy acts of compassion

17 And hide not thy face from thy slave, for I am in trouble; hear me speedily.

18 Draw near unto my soul *and* redeem it; deliver me because of my enemies.

19 Thou hast known my reproach and my shame and my dishonour; my adversaries *are* all before thee.

20 Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness, and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there was* no one, and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They also gave me gall for my food; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 ¶ Let their table become a snare before them, and *that which should have been* for *their* prosperity, *let it become* a stumbling block.

23 Let their eyes be darkened that they see not and make their loins continually to shake.

24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 Let their palace be desolate, *and* let no one dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute *him* whom thou hast smitten, and they boast that thou hast slain their enemies.

27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity, and let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living and not be written with the righteous.

29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful; let thy saving health, O God, set me up on high.

30 ¶ I will praise the name of God with a song and will magnify him with praises.

31 *This* also shall please the LORD better *than the sacrifice of an ox or bullock* that *struggles* with horns and hoofs.

32 The humble shall see *this and* be glad; seek God and thy heart shall live.

33 For the LORD hears the destitute and does not despise his prisoners.

34 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moves in them.

35 For God will protect Zion and will rebuild the cities of Judah; they shall dwell there and inherit it.

36 The seed of his slaves shall inherit it, and those that love his name shall dwell therein.

Psalm 70

*To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David,
to bring to remembrance.*

1 ¶ *Make haste*, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my life; let them be turned backward and put to confusion that desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee, and let such as love thy saving health say continually, Let God be magnified.

5 But I *am* poor and destitute; make haste unto me, O God: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

Psalm 71

- 1 ¶ In thee, O LORD, have I waited; let me not be forever put to shame.
- 2 Deliver me in thy righteousness and cause me to escape; incline thine ear unto me and save me.
- 3 Be thou my strong habitation unto which I may continually resort; thou hast given *a* commandment that I should be saved because thou *art* my rock and my fortress.
- 4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the perverse and violent man.
- 5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD; *thou art* my security from my youth.
- 6 By thee have I been sustained from the womb; thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels; my praise *has been* continually of thee.
- 7 I am as a wonder unto many, but thou *art* my strong refuge.
- 8 Let my mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy glory all the day.
- 9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies speak against me, and those that lay *in* wait for my soul take counsel together,
- 11 saying, God has forsaken him; persecute and take him for *there is* no one to deliver *him*.
- 12 O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste for my help.
- 13 Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.
- 14 ¶ But I will continually wait and will add upon all thy praise.
- 15 My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day, for I know not the numbers *thereof*.
- 16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.
- 17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth and until now; I shall manifest thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not until I have showed *the strength* of thy arm unto *the next* generation *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come,

19 and thy righteousness, O God, unto excellence because thou hast done great things; O God, who *is* like unto thee!

20 *Thou* who hast caused me to see great and sore troubles, shalt return and quicken me and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness and comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee with *an* instrument of the psaltery, O my God; unto thee will I sing thy truth with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing praises unto thee and my soul, which thou hast ransomed.

24 In the same manner my tongue shall talk of thy righteousness every day, for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

Psalm 72

A Psalm for Solomon.

1 ¶ Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2 ¶ He shall judge thy people with righteousness and thy poor with judgment.

3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people and the little hills by righteousness.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people; he shall save the children of the destitute and shall break in pieces the violent.

5 They shall fear thee along with the sun and before the moon throughout all generations.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass as the dew *that* waters the earth.

7 In his days shall righteousness flourish and abundance of peace until *there is no longer any* moon.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9 Those that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him, and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 *Yea*, all kings shall fall down before him; all Gentiles shall serve him.

12 For he shall deliver the destitute when he cries and the poor that has no helper.

13 He shall have mercy on the poor and destitute and shall save the souls of the poor *in spirit*.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence, and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba; prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily he shall be given blessings.

16 There shall be *planted* a handful of grain in the earth upon the tops of the mountains; its fruit shall thunder like Lebanon; and *out* of the city *they* shall blossom like the grass of the earth.

17 His name shall endure for ever; before the sun his name shall be disseminated, and all Gentiles shall be blessed in him; they shall call him blessed.

18 ¶ Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, *the* only one *who* does wondrous things

19 And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever, and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Psalm 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 ¶ Truly God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet almost departed *from the way*; my steps had almost slipped.
- 3 For I became angry against the foolish *when* I saw the peace of the wicked.
- 4 Because *there is* no restraint that would bring about their death, but their strength *is* firm.
- 5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men.
- 6 Therefore they are crowned with pride; they cover themselves with violence *as* a garment.
- 7 Their eyes stand out with fatness; they easily obtain the desires of their heart.
- 8 They are lawless and speak wickedly *of doing* violence; they speak loftily.
- 9 They set their mouth against heaven, and their tongue walks through the earth.
- 10 Therefore his people shall return here; and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.
- 11 And they say, How does God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?
- 12 Behold, these ungodly *men*, without being troubled by the world obtain riches.
- 13 Verily, in vain have I cleansed my heart and washed my hands in innocence
- 14 and been plagued all day long and chastened every morning:
- 15 ¶ If I should say, I will speak as they *do*; behold, I should deny the generation of thy sons.
- 16 I shall meditate that I might understand this; *it is very* hard for me to see.
- 17 When I come into the sanctuary of God, *then* I shall understand their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places; in desolation thou shalt cause them to fall.

19 How they are *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! They have come to an end; they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As the dream of *one* who awakes; so, O Lord, when thou shalt rise up, thou shalt despise their appearances.

21 ¶ Truly my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my kidneys.

22 But I *was* ignorant and did not understand; I was *as* a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless I *was* continually with thee; thou hast apprehended *me* by my right hand.

24 Thou hast guided me with thy counsel, and afterward thou shalt receive me *unto* glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee*? And apart from thee *there is* nothing upon the earth *that* I desire.

26 My flesh and my heart fail; the strength of my heart *is* that God is my portion for ever.

27 For, behold, those that stray from thee shall perish; thou dost cut off all those that go a whoring from thee.

28 But *as for me*, to draw near to God is good; I have put my hope in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

Psalm 74

Maschil of Asaph.

1 ¶ O God, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever? *Why* does thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redeemed, this Mount Zion, in which thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the eternal desolations, unto every enemy who has done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies have roared in the midst of thy assemblies; they set up their *own* banners *for* signs.

5 Renowned, as one on the way to heaven, he who lifted up axes upon the thick trees *for the work of the sanctuary*.

6 But now they break down all the carved work thereof with axes and hammers.

7 They have set fire to thy sanctuaries; they have defiled the tabernacle of thy name *in the* earth.

8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them at once; they have burned up all the meeting places *of the people* of God in the earth.

9 We no longer see our *own* banners; *there is* no longer any prophet: neither *is there* among us any that knows. How long *shall this be*?

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 Why dost thou withdraw thy hand, even thy right hand? *Why* dost thou hide *it* in thy bosom.

12 ¶ For God *is* my King from of old, he who works saving health in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength; thou didst break the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou didst break the heads of leviathan in pieces *and* didst give him *to be* food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the river; thou didst dry up mighty rivers.

16 The day *is* thine, the night also *is* thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter.

18 ¶ Remember this, *that* the enemy has spoken against the LORD and *that* the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the beasts; forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of violence.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed; the poor and destitute shall praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause; remember how the foolish man reproaches thee daily.

23 Forget not the voices of thine enemies; the tumult of those that rise up against thee increases continually.

Psalm 75

*To the Overcomer upon, Do not destroy,
A Psalm or Song of Asaph.*

1 ¶ Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks, for *that* thy name is near, thy wondrous works declare.

2 When I shall receive the congregation, I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved; I bore up the pillars of it. Selah.

4 I said unto the fools, Do not deal foolishly and to the wicked, Do not lift up the horn:

5 Do not lift up your horn on high; speak *not with* a stiff neck.

6 ¶ For promotion *comes* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the desert.

7 But God *is* the judge; he puts down one and sets up another.

8 For the cup is in the hand of the LORD, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he pours out of the same; yea, the dregs thereof, shall wring out and swallow up all the wicked of the earth.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 And I will cut off all the horns of the wicked, *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Psalm 76

*To the Overcomer on Neginoth,
A Psalm or Song of Asaph.*

- 1 ¶ In Judah is God known; his name *is* great in Israel.
- 2 In Salem also is his tabernacle and his dwelling place in Zion.
- 3 There he broke the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the war. Selah.
- 4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent than the mountains of prey.
- 5 The stouthearted are spoiled; they have slept their sleep; and nothing was found in the hands of the men of might.
- 6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.
- 7 ¶ Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared, and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?
- 8 From the heavens thou didst cause judgment to be heard; the earth feared and was still,
- 9 when thou didst arise unto judgment, O God, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.
- 10 Surely the wrath of man shall cause praise to come unto thee; the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.
- 11 Vow and pay unto the LORD your God; let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
- 12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes; *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

Psalm 77

*To the Overcomer, to Jeduthun,
A Psalm of Asaph.*

1 ¶ I cried unto God with my voice, *even* unto God with my voice; and *he* gave ear unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my sore bled in the night and ceased not; my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered God and cried out; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

4 Thou didst hold my eyelids open; I am broken and did not speak.

5 I have considered the days from the beginning, the years of the ages.

6 I call to remembrance my songs of the night; I commune with my own heart, and my spirit made diligent search.

7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

8 Is his mercy gone for ever? does *his* word fail from generation to generation?

9 Has God forgotten to have mercy? has he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

10 And I said, *This is* my infirmity, *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High.

11 ¶ I remembered the works of JAH; therefore I shall remember thy wonders of old.

12 I meditated also on all thy works and spoke of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, *is* in holiness; who *is so* great a God as *our* God?

14 Thou *art* the God that doest wonders; thou hast declared thy strength among the peoples.

15 Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid; the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out floods of waters; the heavens thundered; thy bolts *of lightning* also went forth.

18 The voice of thy thunder *was* all around; the lightnings lightened the world; the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way *was* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps were not known.

20 Thou didst lead thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 78

Maschil of Asaph.

1 ¶ Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter enigmas of old,
3 which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide *them* from their sons, showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD and his strength and his wonderful works that he has done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their sons:

6 That the generation to come might know *them*, even the sons *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their sons

7 that they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God but keep his commandments

8 and might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation *that* did not set their heart aright and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

9 ¶ The sons of Ephraim, *being* armed *and* carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

10 They did not keep the covenant of God and refused to walk in his law
11 and forgot his works and his wonders that he had showed them.

12 He did marvellous things in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea and caused them to pass through, and he made the waters to stand as a heap.

14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their heart *by* asking for food according to the desires of their soul.

19 And they spoke against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote the rock that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the LORD heard *this* and was wroth, so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel

22 because they had not believed God, nor had they trusted in his saving health;

23 and he commanded the clouds of above and opened the doors of the heavens

24 and caused manna to rain upon them to eat and gave them wheat of the heavens.

25 Man did eat the food of the strong; he sent them food to the full.

26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven, and by his power he brought in the south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat and were well filled; for he gave them their own desire;

30 they were not estranged from their lust. But while their food *was* yet in their mouths,

31 the wrath of God came upon them and slew the fattest of them and smote down the chosen of Israel.

32 For all this they sinned still and did not give him credit for his wondrous works.

33 Therefore he consumed their days in vanity and their years in tribulation.

34 When he slew them, then they sought him, and they returned and enquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that God *was* their rock and the high God their redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they flattered him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant.

38 But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity and did not destroy *them*; many a time turned he his anger away and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For he remembered that they *were but* flesh: a wind that passes away and does not come again.

40 ¶ How often did they provoke him in the wilderness *and* grieve him in the desert!

41 And they turned back and tempted God and limited the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his hand, *nor* the day when he ransomed them from anguish.

43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt and his wonders in the field of Zoan

44 and had turned their rivers into blood and their floods, that they could not drink.

45 He sent swarms *of flies* among them, which devoured them, and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their fruits unto the caterpillar and their works unto the locust.

47 He destroyed their vines with hail and their *wild* fig trees with stones.

48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail and their flocks to *thunderbolts of* fire.

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation and trouble by sending evil angels *among them*.

50 He made a way to his anger; he did not spare their soul from death but gave their life over to the pestilence

51 and smote all the firstborn in Egypt, the firstfruits of *their* strength in the tents of Ham:

52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not; but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them into the borders of his holiness, into this mountain, *which* his right hand had purchased.

55 He cast out the Gentiles also before them and divided them an inheritance by line and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their habitations.

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God and did not keep his testimonies:

57 But turned back and rebelled like their fathers; they became like a deceitful bow.

58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 God heard *this* and was wroth and greatly abhorred Israel:

60 For this reason he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *in which* he dwelt among men

61 and delivered his strength into captivity and his glory into the enemy's hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men; and their virgins were not honored *in marriage* songs.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep *and* like a mighty man that shouts *by reason* of wine.

66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts; he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tent of Joseph and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim:

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the Mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary in preeminence like the earth which he has established for ever.

70 He chose David also his slave and took him from the sheepfolds,

71 from following the ewes great with young, he brought him to feed Jacob his people and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he fed them out of the integrity of his heart and guided them by the intelligence of his hands.

Psalm 79

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 ¶ O God, the Gentiles are come into thine inheritance; they have defiled the temple of thy holiness; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy slaves they have given *to be* food unto the fowls of the heavens, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 They have shed their blood like water round about Jerusalem, and *there was* no one to bury *them*.

4 We are reproached by our neighbours, scorned, and derided by those that are round about us.

5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

6 ¶ Pour out thy wrath upon the Gentiles that do not know thee and upon the kingdoms that do not call upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his dwelling place.

8 O remember not against us former iniquities; let thy tender mercies speedily meet us on the way, for we are very poor.

9 Help us, O God, our saving health, for the honor of thy name and deliver us and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

10 Why should the Gentiles say, Where *is* their God? let him be known among the Gentiles in our sight *by* the revenging of the blood of thy slaves *which is* shed.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoners come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve those that are appointed to die

12 and render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, with which they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: from generation to generation we will sing thy praises.

Psalm 80

*To the Overcomer upon Shoshannim, {lilies}
A testimony of Asaph: A Psalm.*

1 ¶ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubim, shine forth.

2 In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength and come *and* save us.

3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of the hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou dost feed them with the bread of tears and give them tears to drink in *great* measure.

6 Thou dost make us a strife unto our neighbours, and our enemies laugh *at us* among themselves.

7 Turn us again, O God of the hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

8 ¶ Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt; thou hast cast out the Gentiles and planted it.

9 Thou didst prepare *room* before it and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the earth.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and its boughs *were like* the cedars of God.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou *then* broken down her hedges, so that all those who pass by the way pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood wastes it, and the wild beast of the field devours it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of the hosts: look down from heaven and behold and visit this vine

15 and the vineyard which thy right hand has planted and the branch *that* thou didst make strong for thyself.

16 *It is* burned with fire; *it is* cut down; they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou didst make strong for thyself,

18 so we will not go back from thee. Thou shalt quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

19 Turn us again, O LORD God of the hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psalm 81

*To the Overcomer upon Gittith,
A Psalm of Asaph.*

1 ¶ Sing aloud unto God our strength; make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take the song and play the timbrel, the harp of joy with the psaltery.

3 Blow the shofar in the new moon in the time appointed on our solemn feast day.

4 For this *is* a statute of Israel *and* an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt *where* I heard a language *that* I did not understand.

6 I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands were delivered from *working with* clay.

7 Thou didst call in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret *place* of thunder; I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

8 ¶ Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee; O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me,

9 no strange god shall be in thee, neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10 I *am* the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt; open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people did not hearken to my voice, and Israel did not love me.

12 So I gave them up unto the hardness of their heart, *and* they walked in their own counsels.

13 Oh, if my people would hearken unto me *and* Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I would soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of the LORD would have submitted themselves unto him, and their time would endure for ever.

16 And *God* would have fed them also the finest of the wheat, and with honey out of the rock I would have satisfied thee.

Psalm 82

A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 ¶ God stands in the congregation of the mighty; he judges among the gods.
- 2 How long will ye judge unjustly and accept the persons of the wicked?
Selah.
- 3 Do right concerning the poor and fatherless; do justice to the poor and destitute.
- 4 Deliver the poor and destitute; deliver *them* out of the hand of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they walk in darkness; they move all the foundations of the earth.
- 6 ¶ I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* sons of the most High.
- 7 But ye shall die like men and fall like one of the tyrants.
- 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth, for thou shalt inherit all the Gentiles.

Psalm 83

A Song or Psalm of Asaph.

1 ¶ Do not keep silence, O God; do not hold thy peace, and do not be still, O God.

2 For, behold, thine enemies make a tumult, and those that hate thee have lifted up their head.

3 They have taken prudent counsel in secret against thy people and consulted against thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come and let us cut them off from *being* a people that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 Therefore they have consulted together with one consent; they are confederate against thee:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; of Moab and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal and Ammon and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assur also is joined with them: they are an arm unto the sons of Lot. Selah.

9 ¶ Do unto them as *unto* the Midianites, as *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison,

10 *who* perished at Endor; they became *as* dung for the earth.

11 Make them and their captains like Oreb and like Zeeb; all their princes as Zebah and as Zalmunna:

12 Who have said, Let us inherit for ourselves the habitations of God.

13 O my God, make them like a whirlwind, as the stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire burns a wood and as the flame sets the mountains on fire

15 so persecute them with thy tempest and make them afraid with thy whirlwind.

16 Fill their faces with shame that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; let them be put to shame and perish

18 That they may know that thou, whose name alone *is* LORD, *art* the most high over all the earth.

Psalm 84

*To the Overcomer upon Gittith,
A Psalm for the sons of Korah.*

1 ¶ How amiable *are* thy habitations, O LORD of the hosts!

2 My soul longs, and even faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing to the living God.

3 Even the sparrow has found a house and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young upon thine altars, O LORD of the hosts, my King and my God.

4 Happy *are* those that dwell in thy house; they shall continually praise thee. Selah.

5 Happy *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee, in whose heart *are* thy ways,

6 *who* passing through the valley of Baca, shall make it a well; the rain also shall fill the pools.

7 They go forth in a great multitude; and in order, they shall see God in Zion.

8 ¶ O LORD God of the hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9 Behold, O God our shield and look upon the face of thine anointed,

10 for a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand *outside of them*. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield *unto us*; the LORD will give grace and glory; he will not withhold good from those that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of the hosts, happy *is* the man that trusts in thee.

Psalm 85

*To the Overcomer,
A Psalm for the sons of Korah.*

1 ¶ LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land; thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath; thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God our saving health and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou extend thine anger from generation to generation?

6 Wilt thou not give us life again that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Show us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy saving health.

8 ¶ I will hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace unto his people and to his saints, that they not turn again to folly.

9 Surely his saving health *is* near those that fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from the heavens.

12 The LORD shall give *that which is* good, and our land shall bring forth her fruit.

13 Righteousness shall go before him and shall set his steps in the way.

Psalm 86

A Prayer of David.

- 1 ¶ Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me, for I *am* poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve my soul; for I *am* merciful, O thou my God, save thy slave that trusts in thee.
- 3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto thee daily.
- 4 Rejoice the soul of thy slave, for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5 For thou, Lord, *art* good and ready to forgive and plenteous in mercy unto all those that call upon thee.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee, for thou wilt answer me.
- 8 ¶ Among the gods *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord, neither is there any other who does thy works.
- 9 All the Gentiles whom thou hast made shall come and humble themselves before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.
- 10 For thou *art* great and doest wondrous things; thou alone *art* God.
- 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth; firm up my heart that I might fear thy name.
- 12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify thy name for evermore.
- 13 For great *is* thy mercy upon me, and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest *part of* Sheol.
- 14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent *men* have sought after my soul and have not set thee before them.
- 15 But thou, O Lord, *art* a merciful and gracious God, longsuffering and plenteous in mercy and truth.
- 16 O look into me and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy slave and keep the son of thine handmaid.
- 17 Show me a token for good that those who hate me may see *it* and be ashamed because thou, O LORD, hast helped me and comforted me.

Psalm 87

A Psalm or Song for the sons of Korah.

1 ¶ His foundation is in mountains of holiness.

2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

4 ¶ I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those that know me; behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *one* was born there.

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man were born in her; and the highest himself shall establish her.

6 The LORD shall count when he writes up the peoples that this *one* was born there. Selah.

7 And singers and players on instruments *in her shall say*: all my springs *are* in thee.

Psalm 88

*A Song or Psalm for the sons of Korah,
to the Overcomer: to sing upon Mahalath,
Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.*

- 1 ¶ O LORD God of my saving health, I cry day *and* night before Thee;
2 let my prayer come before thee; incline thine ear unto my cry;
3 for my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near unto Sheol.
4 I am counted with those that go down into the pit; I am as a man *that has* no strength:
5 Freed among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou dost remember no more; and they are cut off from thy hand.
6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.
7 Thy wrath lies hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. Selah.
8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintances far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them; *I am* shut up, and I cannot come forth.
9 My eye mourns by reason of affliction; LORD, I have called daily upon thee; I have stretched out my hands unto thee.
10 ¶ Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee? Selah.
11 Shall thy mercy be declared in the grave? *or* thy truth in hell?
12 Shall thy wonder be known in darkness? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer come before thee.
14 LORD, why dost thou cast off my soul? *why* dost thou hide thy face from me?
15 *I am* afflicted and destitute; from *my* youth up I have feared thee and been in awe of thee.
16 Thy fierce wrath goes over me; thy terrors have cut me off.
17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

18 Thou hast put lover and friend far from me, *and placed* my acquaintances into darkness.

Psalm 89

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

1 ¶ I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever in the heavens; in them thou shalt establish thy truth.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen; I have sworn unto David my slave, *saying*,

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.

5 ¶ And the heavens shall praise thy wonder, O LORD, thy truth also in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who in the heavens can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints and to be had in reverence of all *those that are* about him.

8 O LORD God of the hosts, *who is* like unto thee? Strong JAH, compassed about with thy truth.

9 Thou dost rule the raging of the sea: when its waves arise, thou dost still them.

10 Thou hast broken Egypt in pieces as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

11 The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: the world and its fullness, thou didst found.

12 Thou hast created the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon shall sing in thy name.

13 The mighty arm is thine; strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.

14 Thy throne is composed of righteousness and judgment; mercy and truth go before thy face.

15 ¶ Happy *are* the people that know *how to* enter into joy; they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice each day; and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

17 For thou *art* the glory of their strength, and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

18 For the LORD *is* our shield, and the Holy One of Israel *is* our king.

19 ¶ Then thou didst speak in vision to thy holy one and didst say, I have laid help upon *one that is* mighty; I have exalted *one* chosen out of my people.

20 I have found David my slave; I anointed him with the oil of my holiness,
21 with whom my hand shall be established; mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not overcome him, nor the son of iniquity break him down.

23 But I will break down his foes before his face and smite those that hate him.

24 But my truth and my mercy *shall be* with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 In the same manner I will set his hand also in the sea and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall call me, Thou *art* my father, my God, and the rock of my saving health.

27 Also I will make him *my* firstborn, high above the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my mercy for him for ever, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 I will also make his seed *to endure* for ever, and his throne as the days of the heavens.

30 If his sons forsake my law and do not walk in my judgments,

31 if they profane my statutes and do not keep my commandments,

32 then I will visit their rebellion with the rod and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless I will not take my mercy from him, neither will I falsify my truth.

34 I will not profane my covenant, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.
36 His seed shall endure for ever and his throne as the sun before me.
37 It shall be established for ever as the moon and *as* a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.
38 ¶ But thou hast cast off and abhorred thine anointed; thou hast been wroth with *him*.
39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy slave; thou hast profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.
40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.
41 All that pass by the way spoil him; he is a reproach to his neighbours.
42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
43 Thou hast also blunted the edge of his sword and hast not made him to stand in the battle.
44 Thou hast made his clarity to cease and cast his throne down to the ground.
45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened; thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.
46 How long, O LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?
47 Remember how short my time is; why hast thou made all men *subject* to vanity?
48 What man *is he that* lives and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of Sheol? Selah.
49 Lord, where *are* thy former mercies, *which* thou didst swear unto David in thy truth?
50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy slaves; *how* I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* many peoples,
51 because thine enemies have dishonoured, O LORD; they have dishonoured the footsteps of thine anointed.
52 Blessed *be* the LORD for ever. Amen and Amen.

Psalm 90

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

- 1 ¶ Lord, thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.
- 3 Thou dost turn unto man until he is broken and thou saith, Become converted, ye sons of Adam.
- 4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past and as a watch in the night.
- 5 Thou dost cause them to pass by as the waters of a river; they are *as* a dream, which is strong in the morning like grass.
- 6 In the morning it blossoms and grows up; in the evening it is cut down and withers.
- 7 ¶ For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath we are troubled.
- 8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.
- 9 For all our days decline because of thy wrath; we end our years according to the word.
- 10 The days of our years *are* seventy, and of the most valiant eighty years, yet their strength *is* labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- 11 Who knows the power of thine anger? that thy wrath is not less than our fear.
- 12 ¶ Cause us to learn this that we might number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.
- 13 Return *unto us*, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy slaves.
- 14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy, and we shall sing and be glad all our days.
- 15 Make us glad according to the days *in which* thou hast afflicted us *and* the years *in which* we have seen evil.

16 Let thy work appear in thy slaves and thy glory upon their sons.

17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, and set thou aright the work of our hands upon us; yea, set thou aright the work of our hands.

Psalm 91

1 ¶ He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my hope and my fortress: my God; in him will I secure myself.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler *and* from the mortal pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings thou shalt be secure: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, *nor* for the arrow *that* flies by day,

6 *nor* for the pestilence *that* walks in darkness, *nor* for the destruction *that* wastes at noonday.

7 Thousands shall fall at thy side and ten thousands at thy right hand, *but* it shall not come near thee.

8 Surely with thine eyes thou shalt behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 ¶ Because thou hast made the LORD, *who is* my hope, *even* the most High, thy habitation,

10 no evil shall befall thee, neither shall any plague come near thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands lest thy foot stumble against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he has set his will upon me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he has known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him and glorify him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my saving health.

Psalm 92

A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day.

1 ¶ *It is a good thing* to give thanks unto the LORD and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

2 To show forth thy mercy in the morning and thy faithfulness every night

3 upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the psaltery, upon the harp with a pleasant sound.

4 For thou, O LORD, hast made me glad with thy work; I will delight in the works of thy hands.

5 O LORD, how great are thy works! *and* thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A carnal man does not know, neither does a fool understand this:

7 ¶ The wicked spring forth as the grass, and all the workers of iniquity blossom, so that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, O LORD, *art most* high for evermore.

9 For, behold, thine enemies, O LORD, for behold, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* a unicorn; I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11 And my eye saw *my desire* on my enemies, *and* my ears heard *my desire* of those that rose up against me, of the wicked.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be vigorous and flourishing

15 to show that the LORD is upright; *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

Psalm 93

1 ¶ The LORD reigns; he has clothed himself with majesty; the LORD has clothed himself with strength; he has girded himself: he has established the world also, that it cannot be moved.

2 From this time on, thy throne shall never be moved; thou *art* eternal.

3 The rivers have lifted up, O LORD; the rivers have lifted up their voice; the rivers lift up their waves.

4 The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure; holiness becomes thy house, O LORD, for ever.

Psalm 94

1 ¶ O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs; O God, to whom vengeance belongs, show thyself.

2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 *How long* shall they utter *and* speak hard things? *and* all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thy heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stranger and murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, JAH shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.

8 Understand, ye carnal *ones* among the people, and, ye fools, when will ye be wise?

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He that chastens the Gentiles, shall he not correct? he that teaches man knowledge, *shall not he know?*

11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.

12 ¶ Blessed is the man whom thou dost chasten, O JAH, and teach him out of thy law,

13 to cause him to rest in the days of adversity, until the pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 But the judgment shall be returned unto righteousness, and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul would have quickly dwelt *with* the dead.

18 When I said, My foot slips, thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me, thy comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, who creates toil under *the guise of law*?

21 They gather *themselves together* as an army against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my refuge, and my God *is* the rock of my trust.

23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea*, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

Psalm 95

1 ¶ O come, let us bring joy unto the LORD; let us sing with joy unto the rock of our saving health.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and sing unto him with joy.

3 For the LORD *is* a great God and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth; the heights of the mountains *are* his also.

5 The sea *is* his, and he made it; and his hands formed the dry *land*.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

7 ¶ For he *is* our God, and we *are* the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice,

8 harden not your heart, as in the provocation *and* as *in* the day of trials in the wilderness

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

10 Forty years long I was grieved with *this* generation and said, It *is* a people that err from the heart, who have not known my ways;

11 unto whom I swore in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm 96

1 ¶ O sing unto the LORD a new song; sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; show forth his saving health from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the Gentiles, his wonders among all peoples.

4 For the LORD *is* great and greatly to be praised; he *is* to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations *are* idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty *are* before him; strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the peoples, give unto the LORD the glory and the strength.

8 Give unto the LORD the glory *due unto* his name; bring offerings, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; fear before him, all the earth.

10 ¶ Say among the Gentiles *that* the LORD reigns; he also has established the world, it shall not be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar and the fullness thereof.

12 Let the field be joyful and all that *is* therein; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13 before the LORD; for he has come, for he has come to judge the earth; he shall judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Psalm 97

1 ¶ The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof*.

2 Clouds and darkness *are* round about him; righteousness and judgment *are* the seat of his throne.

3 A fire shall go before him and burn up his enemies round about.

4 His lightnings enlightened the world; the earth saw and trembled.

5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Let all those that serve graven images be confounded, those that boast of idols; worship him, all *ye* gods.

8 ¶ Zion heard and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

9 For thou, O LORD, *art* high above all the earth; thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 Ye that love the LORD *are to* hate evil; he preserves the souls of his saints; he delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 98

A Psalm.

1 ¶ O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he has done marvellous things; his right hand has gotten him the victory, even the arm of his holiness.

2 The LORD has made known his saving health; he has openly showed his righteousness in the sight of the Gentiles.

3 He has remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the saving health of our God.

4 ¶ Sing with joy unto the LORD, all the earth; lift up thy voice and rejoice and sing praises.

5 Sing praises unto the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of a song.

6 With trumpets and *the* sound of *the* shofar make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

7 Let the sea roar and the fullness thereof, the world and those that dwell therein.

8 Let the rivers clap *their* hands; let the mountains be joyful together

9 before the LORD; for he has come to judge the earth; with righteousness he shall judge the world and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 99

1 ¶ The LORD reigns; the peoples shall tremble; he who sits above the cherubim *reigns*; the earth shall be moved.

2 The LORD *is* great in Zion, and he *is* high above all the peoples.

3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name, *for it is* holy.

4 The king's strength *is* that he loves judgment; thou dost establish equity; thou dost execute judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the LORD our God and worship at the footstool of his feet, *which is* holy.

6 ¶ Moses and Aaron *are* among his priests and Samuel among those that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke unto them in the pillar of fire; they kept his testimonies and the order *that* he gave them.

8 Thou didst answer them, O LORD our God; thou wast a God that didst forgive them, and *an* avenger for their works.

9 Exalt the LORD our God and worship at the mountain of his holiness, for the LORD our God *is* holy.

Psalm 100

A Psalm of praise.

1 ¶ Make a joyful noise unto the LORD all the earth.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness; come before his presence with joy.

3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God; *it is* he *that* has made us and not we ourselves; *we are* his people and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving *and* into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him *and* bless his name.

5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endures* to all generations.

Psalm 101

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ I will sing of mercy and judgment; unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2 When thou shalt come unto me, I will walk in the way of perfection and understand. I will walk in the midst of my house in the perfection of my heart.

3 I will set nothing of Belial before my eyes: I hate the work of those that betray; *it* shall not cleave to me.

4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know a wicked *person*.

5 Whosoever secretly slanders his neighbour, I will cut off; he that has a high look and a proud heart I will not *suffer*.

6 My eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; he that walks in the way of perfection, he shall serve me.

7 He that works deceit shall not dwell within my house; he that tells lies shall not tarry in my sight.

8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land, that I may cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of the LORD.

Psalm 102

*A Prayer of the poor in spirit, when he is overwhelmed,
and pours out his complaint before the LORD.*

- 1 ¶ Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.
- 2 Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me; in the day *when* I call, answer me speedily.
- 3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as *in* a hearth.
- 4 My heart is smitten and withered like grass so that I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones cleave to my skin.
- 6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert.
- 7 I watch and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.
- 8 My enemies reproach me all the day, *and* those that are mad against me are sworn against me.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread and mingled my drink with weeping,
- 10 because of thine indignation and thy wrath; for thou hast lifted me up and cast me down.
- 11 My days *are* like a shadow that declines, and I am withered like grass.
- 12 ¶ But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever and thy remembrance unto all generations.
- 13 Thou shalt arise *and* have mercy upon Zion; for the time to favour her, the set time, is come.
- 14 For thy slaves love her stones and have compassion on the dust thereof.
- 15 So the Gentiles shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory
- 16 because the LORD shall have built up Zion, and he shall be seen in his glory.
- 17 He shall have regarded the prayer of those who are *alone and* destitute and not despised their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come, and the people who shall be created shall praise JAH.

19 For he has looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from the heavens the LORD beheld the earth

20 to hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death,

21 that they might declare the name of the LORD in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem,

22 when the people are gathered together *as one* and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

23 ¶ He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, do not cut me off in the midst of my days; thy years *are* from generation to generation.

25 Of old thou hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 The sons of thy slaves shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

Psalm 103

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, *bless* the name of his holiness.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgives all thine iniquities; who heals all thy diseases;

4 who redeems thy life from destruction; who crowns thee with mercy and compassion;

5 who satisfies thy mouth with good *things so that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 ¶ The LORD executes righteousness and justice unto all that suffer violence.

7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the sons of Israel.

8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9 He will not always chide, neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth so does he increase his mercy over those that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our rebellions from us.

13 Like as a father has mercy upon *his* children, so the LORD has mercy upon those that fear him.

14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we *are* dust.

15 As *for* man, his days *are* as grass; as an open flower of the field, so he blossoms.

16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon those that fear him, and his righteousness unto the children's children,

18 to such as keep his covenant and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19 ¶ The LORD has prepared his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, valiant and strong, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts, ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm 104

1 ¶ Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty,
2 who dost cover *thyself* with light as *with* a garment, who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain,
3 who dost establish his chambers between the waters, who makes the clouds his chariot, who walks upon the wings of the wind,
4 who makes his angels spirits, his ministers a flaming fire,
5 *who* laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be moved by any age.
6 Thou didst cover it with the deep as *with* a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.
8 The mountains were exposed; they descended through the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.
9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over, that they not turn again to cover the earth.
10 ¶ *Thou art* he who sends the springs into the valleys, *which* run among the mountains.
11 They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst.
12 Next to them the fowls of the heavens have their habitation; *they* sing among the leaves.
13 He waters the mountains from his chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
14 He causes the hay to grow for the cattle and grass for the service of man, that he may bring forth bread out of the earth
15 and wine *that* makes glad the heart of man, making *his* face to shine with oil and bread *which* sustains man's heart.
16 The trees of the LORD are satisfied; the cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted,

17 that the birds may make their nests there: the stork makes her house *among* the fir trees.

18 The high mountains *are* a refuge for the wild goats, *and* the rocks for the conies.

19 ¶ He appointed the moon for times *and seasons*; the sun knows his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night, wherein all the beasts of the forest move.

21 The young lions roar after their prey and seek their food from God.

22 The sun arises, they withdraw and lay themselves down in their dens.

23 Man goes forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom thou hast made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

25 *So is* this great and wide sea, wherein *are* innumerable creeping things, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships; *there is* that leviathan, *whom* thou didst make to play therein.

27 These wait all upon thee, that thou may give *them* their food in due season.

28 Thou givest unto them, they gather; thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; thou takest away their spirit, they cease to exist and return to their dust.

30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the earth.

31 ¶ Let the glory of the LORD endure for ever; let the LORD rejoice in his works.

32 He looks on the earth, and it trembles: he touches the mountains, and they smoke.

33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34 My meditation of him shall be sweet; I will be glad in the LORD.

35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Halelu- JAH (*Praise ye the LORD*).

Psalm 105

1 ¶ O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him; speak of all his wondrous works.

3 Glory in his holy name; let the heart of those that seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his face continually.

5 Remember his marvellous works that he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O ye seed of Abraham his slave, ye sons of Jacob his chosen.

7 He *is* the LORD our God; his judgments *are* in all the earth.

8 ¶ He has remembered his covenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded for a thousand generations,

9 *which covenant* he made with Abraham and his oath unto Isaac

10 and confirmed the same unto Jacob by decree, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant:

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance,

12 when they were *but* a few men in number; *yea*, very few, and strangers in it.

13 When they went from nation to nation from *one* kingdom to another people,

14 he suffered no man to do them wrong; *yea*, he chastened kings for their sakes:

15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land; he broke the whole staff of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a slave,

18 whose feet they hurt with fetters; his soul was laid in iron.

19 Until the time that his word came, the *spoken* word of the LORD purified him.

20 The king sent and loosed him, the ruler of the people let him go free.

21 He made him lord of his house and ruler of all his substance:
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure and teach his elders wisdom.
23 Afterwards Israel entered into Egypt, and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people greatly and made them stronger than their enemies.
25 ¶ He turned their heart to hate his people to think evil against his slaves.
26 He sent Moses his slave *and* Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 He put the words of his signs in them and his wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness and made it dark, and they did not rebel against his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood and slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance in the chambers of their kings.
31 He spoke, and swarms of *flies and* lice came within all their borders.
32 He turned their rain into hail, *into* flaming fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees and broke the trees within their borders.
34 He spoke, and the locusts came and caterpillars without number,
35 and ate up all the grass in their land and devoured the fruit of their ground.
36 He smote *also* all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.
37 And he brought them forth with silver and gold, and *there was* not one sick *person* among their tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed, for the fear of them fell upon them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light in the night.
40 *The people* asked, and he brought quails and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *and became* a river.
42 For he remembered his holy word with Abraham his slave.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy *and* his chosen with singing
44 and gave them the lands of the Gentiles, and they inherited the labour of
the nations,
45 that they might observe his statutes and keep his laws. Halelu-JAH.

Psalm 106

1 ¶ Halelu-JAH. O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is good*, for his mercy *endures* for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? *Who* can show forth all his praise?

3 Happy *are* those that keep judgment *and* he that does righteousness at all times.

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou dost bear unto* thy people; O visit me with thy saving health,

5 that I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 ¶ We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers did not understand thy wonders in Egypt; they did not remember the multitude of thy mercies but rebelled by the sea, *even* at the Red Sea.

8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 He reprehended the Red Sea also, and it was dried up, so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated *them* and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12 Then they believed his words; they sang his praise.

13 ¶ They became rash. They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

14 They gave themselves over to lust in the wilderness and tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.

16 Then they envied Moses in the camp *and* Aaron the saint of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the company of Abiram.

18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eats grass.

21 They forgot the God of their saving health, who had done great things in Egypt,

22 wondrous works in the land of Ham, *and* terrible things upon the Red Sea.

23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath lest he should destroy *them*.

24 And they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe his word:

25 But murmured in their tents *and* did not hearken unto the voice of the LORD.

26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 to overthrow their seed also among the Gentiles, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They also joined themselves unto Baalpeor and ate the sacrifices for the dead.

29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions; and the plague broke in upon them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and executed judgment, and *so* the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness from generation to generation for evermore.

32 They angered *him* also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit to rebel, and he spoke it with his lips.

34 ¶ They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

35 But were mingled among the Gentiles and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols, which were a snare unto them.

37 *Yea*, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils

38 and shed innocent blood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus they were defiled with their own works and went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the Gentiles, and those that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 He delivered them many times, but they rebelled at his counsel and were brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless he would look upon their affliction and hear their cry

45 and remember his covenant with them and repent according to the multitude of his mercies.

46 He also caused those that carried them captives to have mercy upon them.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the Gentiles, that we might lift up thy holy name, that we might glory in thy praise.

48 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting; and let all the people say, Amen. Halelu-JAH.

Psalm 107

1 ¶ O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is good*; for his mercy *endures* for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy

3 and gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

4 They wandered lost in the wilderness, *alone and out of the way*; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his mercy and *for* his wonderful works unto the sons of Adam!

9 For he satisfies the soul that is destitute and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

10 ¶ Such as sat in darkness and *in the shadow of death, being* bound in affliction and in irons,

11 because they rebelled against the words of God and condemned the counsel of the most High:

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and *there was* no one to help.

13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his mercy and *for* his wonderful works unto the sons of Adam!

16 For he has broken the gates of brass and cut the bars of iron asunder.

17 ¶ The fools, because of the way of their rebellion, and because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food, and they drew near unto the gates of death.

19 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word and healed them and delivered *them* from their graves.

21 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his mercy and *for* his wonderful works unto the sons of Adam!

22 And let them offer the sacrifices of praise and publish his works with singing.

23 ¶ Those that go down to the sea in ships that do work in many waters,

24 these have seen the works of the LORD and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up its waves.

26 They mount up to the heavens; they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro and stagger like a drunken man, and all of their knowledge is of no avail.

28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivers them out of their afflictions.

29 He makes the storm a calm, so that its waves are still.

30 Then they are glad because they are at rest; so he brings them into the haven of his will.

31 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his mercy and *for* his wonderful works unto the sons of Adam!

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 ¶ He turned rivers into a wilderness and the watersprings into dry ground;

34 the fruitful land into salt *flats*, because of the wickedness of those that dwell therein.

35 He turns the wilderness into reservoirs of water and dry ground into watersprings.

36 And there he makes the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation

37 and sow the fields and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

38 He blesses them also, so that they are multiplied greatly and suffers not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are diminished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

40 He pours contempt upon princes and causes them to wander in the wilderness, *where there is* no way.

41 Yet he sets the poor on high from affliction and makes *his* families like a flock.

42 The righteous shall see *it* and rejoice, and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 Who *is* wise and will observe these *things* and shall understand the mercies of the LORD?

Psalm 108

A Song or Psalm of David.

- 1 ¶ O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise; this is my glory.
- 2 Awake, psaltery and harp; I will awake the dawn.
- 3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the peoples, and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
- 4 For thy mercy *is* great above the heavens, and thy truth *reaches* unto the heavens.
- 5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens and thy glory above all the earth;
- 6 ¶ that thy beloved may be delivered: save *with* thy right hand, and answer me.
- 7 God has spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead *shall be* mine; Manasseh *shall be* mine; Ephraim also *shall be* the strength of my head; Judah *shall be* my lawgiver;
- 9 Moab *shall be* my washpot; over Edom I will cast my shoe; over Philistia I will triumph.
- 10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?
- 11 Surely thou, O God, *who* had cast us off and did not, O God, go forth with our hosts.
- 12 Give us help from trouble; for the salvation of man is deception.
- 13 Through God we shall do valiantly, for he shall tread down our enemies *again*.

Psalm 109

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¶ Do not hold thy peace, O God of my praise;
- 2 for the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me; they have spoken of me with a lying tongue.
- 3 They compassed me about with words of hatred and fought against me without a cause.
- 4 They have *responded* to my love by becoming my adversaries, but I *give myself unto* prayer.
- 5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.
- 6 ¶ Set thou the wicked man over him, and let Satan stand at his right hand.
- 7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned, and let his prayer become sin.
- 8 Let his days be few, *and* let another take his office.
- 9 Let his children be fatherless and his wife a widow.
- 10 Let his children be continually vagabonds and beg; let them seek *their bread* out of their desolate places.
- 11 Let the extortioner catch all that he has, and let the strangers spoil his labour.
- 12 Let there be no one to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.
- 13 Let his posterity be cut off, *and* in the generation following let their name be blotted out.
- 14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
- 15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- 16 Because he did not remember to show mercy but persecuted the man who is poor *in spirit* and destitute and broken in heart, that he might slay him.

17 As he loved the curse, so let it come unto him; as he delighted not in the blessing, so let it be far from him.

18 As he clothed himself with the curse like as with his garment, and it entered into his bowels like water and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covers him and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 *Let this be* the reward from the LORD of those who spoke falsely against me and of those that speak evil against my soul.

21 ¶ And thou, O GOD the Lord, do unto me for thy name's sake; because thy mercy *is* good, deliver me.

22 For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like the shadow when it declines; I am tossed up and down *by the wind* as the locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting, and my flesh fails for lack of fatness.

25 I have become a reproach unto them; *when* they looked upon me they shook their heads.

26 Help me, O LORD my God; O save me according to thy mercy,

27 that they may know that this *is* thy hand, *that* thou, O LORD, hast done it.

28 Let them curse, but bless thou; when they arise, let them be ashamed, but let thy slave rejoice.

29 Let those who speak evil against me falsely be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; *yea*, I will praise him among the multitude.

31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor *in spirit* to save his soul from those that judge him.

Psalm 110

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion; rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauty of holiness; *as* the dew *which falls* from the womb of the morning, thus shall those who are thine be born unto thee.

4 The LORD has sworn and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 ¶ The Lord at thy right hand shall smite the kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the Gentiles; he shall fill their *places* with *dead* bodies; he shall wound the head over much *of the* earth.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way; therefore he shall lift up *his* head.

Psalm 111

1 ¶ *Aleph* Halelu-JAH. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, *Beth* in the company and *in the* congregation of the upright.

2 *Gimel* The works of the LORD *are* great, *Daleth* sought out by all those that have pleasure therein.

3 *He* Honor and beauty *are* his work; *Vau* and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 *Zain* He has made his wonderful works to be remembered; *Cheth* The LORD *is* gracious and merciful.

5 *Teth* He has given sustenance unto those that fear him; *Jod* He will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 ¶ *Caph* He has shown his people the power of his works, *Lamed* by giving them the inheritance of the Gentiles.

7 *Mem* The works of his hands *are* truth and judgment; *Nun* all his commandments *are* sure.

8 *Samech* They stand fast from age to age *Ain* and are made in truth and uprightness.

9 *Pe* He sent redemption unto his people; *Tzaddi* he has commanded his covenant for ever: *Koph* Holy and reverend *is* his name.

10 *Resh* The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; *Schin* A good understanding have all those that do *his will*; *Tau* His praise endures for ever.

Psalm 112

1 ¶ *Aleph* Halelu-JAH. Blessed is the man *that* fears the LORD, *Beth* *that* delights greatly in his commandments.

2 *Gimel* His seed shall be mighty upon earth; *Daleth* the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 *He* Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house; *Vau* and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 *Zain* A light has shined in the darkness upon the upright: *Cheth* Gracious and merciful and righteous.

5 *Teth* A good man has mercy and lends; *Jod* He will govern his affairs with *good* judgment.

6 ¶ *Caph* Surely he shall not be moved for ever; *Lamed* the righteous shall be in eternal remembrance.

7 *Mem* He shall not be afraid of evil rumours; *Nun* his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 *Samech* His heart *is* established; he shall not be afraid, *Ain* until he sees *his desire* upon his enemies.

9 *Pe* He has dispersed; he has given to the poor; *Tzaddi* his righteousness endures for ever; *Koph* his horn shall be exalted in glory.

10 *Resh* The wicked shall see *it* and be furious; *Schin* he shall gnash with his teeth and waste away: *Tau* The desire of the wicked shall perish.

Psalm 113

1 ¶ Halelu-JAH. Praise, O ye slaves of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the LORD's name *is* to be praised.

4 The LORD *is* high above all Gentiles *and* his glory above the heavens.

5 Who *is* like unto the LORD our God, who dwells on high,

6 who humbles *himself* to behold *the things that are* in heaven and in the earth!

7 He raises up the poor out of the dust *and* lifts the destitute out of the dunghill;

8 that he may set *him* with princes, *even* with the princes of his people.

9 He makes the barren woman to keep house *and to be* a joyful mother of sons. Halelu-JAH.

Psalm 114

- 1 ¶ When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
2 Judah was his holiness, *and* Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw *it* and fled; Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams *and* the little hills like lambs.
5 What came upon thee, O thou sea, that thou didst flee? *And* thou O Jordan, *that* thou wast driven back?
6 Ye mountains, *why didst* ye skip like rams *and* ye little hills, like lambs?
7 At the presence of the Lord, the earth trembles, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 who turned the rock *into* a reservoir of water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

Psalm 115

1 ¶ Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy *and* for thy truth.

2 Why should the Gentiles say, Where *is* now their God?

3 But our God *is* in the heavens; he has made whatever he has desired.

4 Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they shall never speak; they have eyes, but they shall never see:

6 They have ears, but they shall never hear; they have noses, but they shall never smell;

7 they have hands, but they shall never touch; they have feet, but they shall never walk; they shall never speak through their throat.

8 *Let* those that make them become like unto them, *and* every one that trusts in them.

9 ¶ O Israel, trust thou in the LORD; he *is* your help and your shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; he *is* your help and your shield.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; he *is* your help and your shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us: he will bless *us*; he will greatly bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless those that fear the LORD, *both* small and great.

14 The LORD shall increase his blessing upon you more and more, upon you and your sons.

15 Ye *are* blessed of the LORD who made the heavens and earth.

16 The heavens *are* the heavens of the LORD, but the earth he has given to the sons of Adam.

17 The dead shall not praise JAH, neither any that go down into silence.

18 But we will bless JAH from this time forth and for evermore. Halelu-JAH.

Psalm 116

- 1 ¶ I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice *and* my supplications.
2 Because he has inclined his ear unto me, therefore I will call upon *him* all of my days.
3 The sorrows of death compassed me and the pains of Sheol found me; I encountered trouble and sorrow.
4 Then I called upon the name of the LORD, *saying*, O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
5 Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous; *yea*, our God *is* merciful.
6 The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and he saved me.
7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with thee.
8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
10 ¶ I believed, therefore I spoke, and was greatly afflicted;
11 I said in my haste, All men *are* liars.
12 What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me?
13 I will take the cup of saving health and invoke the name of the LORD.
14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.
15 Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his merciful ones.
16 *This is* so, O LORD, because I *am* thy slave; I *am* thy slave, the son of thine handmaid; thou hast loosed my bonds.
17 I will offer unto thee the sacrifice of praise and will invoke the name of the LORD.
18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people,
19 in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
Halelu-JAH.

Psalm 117

1 ¶ O praise the LORD, all ye Gentiles; praise him, all ye peoples.

2 For he has greatly increased his mercy upon us; and the truth of the LORD *endures* for ever. Halelu-JAH.

Psalm 118

- 1 ¶ O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good because his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now say that his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 4 Let those that fear the LORD say now, that his mercy *is* eternal.
- 5 From a tight place I called upon JAH; and JAH answered me *and set me* in a wide place.
- 6 The LORD *is* for me; I will not fear what man can do unto me.
- 7 The LORD takes my part with those that help me; therefore I shall see *my desire* upon those that hate me.
- 8 *It is* better to wait upon the LORD than to wait upon man.
- 9 *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.
- 10 All the nations compassed me about; but in the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
- 11 They compassed me about; *yea*, they laid hold of me; but in the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
- 12 They compassed me about like bees; they were quenched as the fire of thorns; for in the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
- 13 Thou hast thrust at me with violence that I might fall, but the LORD helped me.
- 14 JAH *is* my strength and song and is become my saving health.
- 15 The voice of singing and saving health *is* in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
- 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
- 17 I shall not die, but live and declare the works of JAH.
- 18 JAH has chastened me sore, but he has not given me over unto death.
- 19 ¶ Open unto me the gates of righteousness; I will go in through them; I will praise JAH.
- 20 This gate *is* of the LORD; the righteous shall enter in.

21 I will praise thee; for thou hast heard me and art become my saving health.

22 The stone *which* the builders rejected is become the head of the corner.

23 This is the LORD's doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes.

24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, cause *us* now to prosper.

26 Blessed *be* he that comes in the name of the LORD; from the house of the LORD we bless you.

27 God *is* the LORD, who has shined on us; bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee; *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good, for his mercy *endures* for ever.

Psalm 119

1 ¶ ALEPH. Blessed *are* those *who walk* in the perfect way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed *are* those that keep his testimonies *and that* seek him with *their* whole heart.

3 For those who do no iniquity walk in his ways.

4 ¶ Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were ordered to keep thy statutes!

6 Then I shall not be ashamed, when I have insight unto all thy commandments.

7 ¶ I will praise thee with uprightness of heart when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes; O do not utterly forsake me.

9 ¶ BETH. With what shall a young man cleanse his way? when he shall keep thy word.

10 ¶ With my whole heart I have sought thee; O let me not err from thy commandments.

11 ¶ Thy *spoken* word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.

12 ¶ Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

13 ¶ With my lips I have declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies as above all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts and consider thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes; I will not forget thy words.

17 ¶ GIMEL. Deal bountifully with thy slave *that* I may live and keep thy word.

18 ¶ Open my eyes, and I shall behold the wonders of thy law.

19 ¶ I *am* a stranger in the earth; hide not thy commandments from me.

20 ¶ My soul is broken from desiring thy judgments at all times.

21 ¶ Thou hast reprehended the proud; cursed are those who err from thy commandments.

22 ¶ Remove from me reproach and contempt, for I have kept thy testimonies.

23 ¶ Princes also sat *and* spoke against me as thy slave spoke according to thy statutes.

24 ¶ For thy testimonies are my delight and my counsellors.

25 ¶ DALETH. My soul cleaves unto the dust; quicken me according to thy word.

26 ¶ I have declared my ways, and thou didst hear me; teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts; so I shall meditate of thy wondrous works.

28 ¶ My soul melts for heaviness; strengthen me according to thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying, and from thy law grant me mercy.

30 ¶ I have chosen the way of truth; I have laid thy judgments *before me*.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies; O LORD, put me not to shame.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

33 ¶ HE. Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it *unto* the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; *yea*, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.

35 ¶ Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies and not to covetousness.

37 ¶ Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity, *and* cause me to live in thy way.

38 ¶ Confirm thy word unto thy slave, who *is devoted* to thy fear.

39 ¶ Turn away my reproach which I have feared, for thy judgments *are* good.

40 ¶ Behold, I have longed after thy precepts; cause me to live in thy righteousness.

41 ¶ VAU. Let thy mercy come unto me, O LORD, *even* thy salvation, according to thy *spoken* word.

42 And I shall answer him that reproaches me, *by saying* that I trust in thy word.

43 ¶ And take not at any time the word of truth out of my mouth; for I wait for thy judgment.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually from age to age.

45 ¶ And I will walk at liberty, for I sought thy commandments.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings and will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

48 I will lift up my hands unto thy commandments, which I have loved, and I will meditate in thy statutes.

49 ¶ ZAIN. Remember the word unto thy slave, in which thou hast caused me to wait.

50 ¶ This *is* my comfort in my affliction; for thy *spoken* word has caused me to live.

51 ¶ The proud have had me greatly in derision; *yet* I have not deviated from thy law.

52 ¶ I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD, and have consoled myself.

53 ¶ Horror has taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

54 ¶ Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

55 ¶ I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law.

56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

57 ¶ CHETH. My portion, O LORD, I have said, will be to keep thy words.

58 ¶ I intreated thy presence with *my* whole heart; be merciful unto me according to thy word.

59 ¶ I considered my ways and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste and did not delay to keep thy commandments.

61 ¶ The company of the wicked have robbed me, *but* I have not forgotten thy law.

62 ¶ At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of the judgments of thy righteousness.

63 ¶ I *am* a companion of all *those* that fear thee and of those that keep thy precepts.

64 ¶ The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy *and* teaches me thy statutes.

65 ¶ TETH. Thou hast dealt well with thy slave, O LORD, according unto thy word,

66 *which* teaches me discernment and knowledge, for I have believed thy commandments.

67 ¶ Before I was humbled, I went into error, but now I keep thy *spoken* word.

68 ¶ Thou *art* good and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

69 ¶ The proud have forged a lie against me, *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* whole heart.

70 Their heart became fat like grease, *but* I delight in thy law.

71 ¶ *It was* good for me that I have been humbled, that I might learn thy statutes.

72 ¶ The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

73 ¶ JOD. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, and I shall learn thy commandments.

74 ¶ Those that fear thee will be glad when they see me because I have waited on thy word.

75 ¶ I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* right and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 ¶ Let, I pray thee, thy mercy be for my comfort, according to thy *spoken* word unto thy slave.

77 Let thy mercy come unto me, that I may live, for thy law *is* my delight.

78 ¶ Let the proud be ashamed, for they dealt perversely with me without a cause, *but* I will meditate in thy precepts.

79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me and those that have known thy testimonies.

80 ¶ Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes that I not be ashamed.

81 ¶ CAPH. My soul faints *with desire* for thy salvation as I await thy word.

82 Mine eyes fail for thy *spoken* word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

83 ¶ For I am become like a wine skin in the smoke; *yet* I have not forgotten thy statutes.

84 ¶ How many *are* the days of thy slave? When wilt thou execute judgment on those that persecute me?

85 ¶ The proud have dug pits for me, but they do not *proceed* according to thy law.

86 All thy commandments *are of the same* truth; they persecute me wrongfully; help me.

87 They have almost consumed me upon earth, but I have not forsaken thy precepts.

88 ¶ Cause me to live according to thy mercy, so I shall keep the testimony of thy mouth.

89 ¶ LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in the heavens.

90 Thy truth *is* from generation to generation; thou hast established the earth, and it perseveres.

91 They persevere unto this day by thy ordinance; for they *are* all thy slaves.

92 ¶ Unless thy law *had been* my delight, I should have perished in my affliction.

93 ¶ I will never forget thy precepts; for with them thou hast caused me to live.

94 ¶ I *am* thine, keep me; for I have sought thy precepts.

95 ¶ The wicked have waited for me to destroy me, *but* I will consider thy testimonies.

96 ¶ I have seen an end of all perfection, *but* thy commandment *is* exceeding broad.

97 ¶ MEM. O how I love thy law! *it is* my meditation all the day.

98 ¶ Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies, for they are eternal unto me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for thy testimonies *have been* my meditation.

100 I understand more than the elders because I keep thy precepts.

101 ¶ I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

102 ¶ I have not departed from thy judgments, for thou hast taught me.

103 ¶ How sweet have been thy *spoken* words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

104 Through thy precepts I have obtained understanding; therefore I have hated every false way.

105 ¶ NUN. Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my way.

106 ¶ I have sworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep the judgments of thy righteousness.

107 ¶ I am afflicted very much; cause me to live, O LORD, according to thy word.

108 ¶ Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

109 ¶ My soul *is* continually in my hand; yet I do not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me; yet did not I err from thy precepts.

111 ¶ I have taken thy testimonies as a heritage for ever; for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes always, *even unto* the end.

113 ¶ SAMECH. I hate *vain* thoughts; but I love thy law.

114 ¶ Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield; I have waited for thy word.

115 ¶ Depart from me, ye evildoers; for I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 ¶ Uphold me according unto thy word, and I shall live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be saved, and I shall delight in thy statutes continually.

118 ¶ Thou hast trodden down all those that err from thy statutes; for their deceit *is* falsehood.

119 Thou dost cause all the wicked of the earth to come undone *like* dross; therefore I have loved thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembles for fear of thee, and I am afraid of thy judgments.

121 ¶ AIN. I have complied with judgment and righteousness; do not leave me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for thy slave for good; do not let the proud do violence unto me.

123 ¶ Mine eyes fail for thy saving health and for the *spoken* word of thy righteousness.

124 ¶ Deal with thy slave according to thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

125 I *am* thy slave; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

126 ¶ *It is time for thee*, O LORD, to act; *for* they have dissipated thy law.

127 ¶ Therefore I have loved thy commandments above gold, *yea*, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I have esteemed all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right *and* I have hated every false way.

129 ¶ PE. Thy testimonies *are* wonderful; therefore does my soul keep them.

130 ¶ The exposition of thy words gives light; it gives understanding unto the simple.

131 ¶ I opened my mouth and panted; for I longed for thy commandments.

132 ¶ Look thou upon me and be merciful unto me, as thou didst use to do unto those that love thy name.

133 ¶ Order my steps with thy word; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 ¶ Ransom me from the violence of men, and I will keep thy precepts.

135 ¶ Make thy face to shine upon thy slave and teach me thy statutes.

136 ¶ Rivers of waters ran down my eyes because they did not keep thy law.

137 ¶ TZADDI. Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *are* thy judgments.

138 Thou hast commanded righteousness, *which consists of* thy testimonies and thy truth.

139 ¶ My zeal has consumed me, because my enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 ¶ Thy word *is* very pure; therefore thy slave loves it.

141 ¶ I *am* small and despised; *yet* I have not forgotten thy precepts.

142 ¶ Thy righteousness *is* eternal righteousness, and thy law *is* the truth.

143 ¶ Trouble and anguish found me; *but* thy commandments *were* my delights.

144 Thy testimonies *are* eternal righteousness; give me understanding, and I shall live.

145 ¶ KOPH. I cried with *my* whole heart; answer me, O LORD, and I will keep thy statutes.

146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147 ¶ I arose before the dawning of the morning and cried: I waited in thy word.

148 My eyes anticipate the *night* watches that I might meditate in thy *spoken* word.

149 ¶ Hear my voice according to thy mercy; O LORD, cause me to live according to thy judgment.

150 ¶ Those that persecute *me* draw near unto evil; they have strayed from thy law.

151 Thou *art* near, O LORD; and all thy commandments *are* truth.

152 ¶ Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

153 ¶ RESH. Consider my affliction and deliver me; for I have not forgotten thy law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me; quicken me according to thy *spoken* word.

155 ¶ Saving health *is* far from the wicked, for they do not seek thy statutes.

156 ¶ Many *are* thy tender mercies, O LORD: cause me to live according to thy judgments.

157 ¶ Many *are* my persecutors and my enemies; *yet* I do not deviate from thy testimonies.

158 ¶ I beheld the transgressors and was grieved because they did not keep thy words.

159 ¶ Consider, O LORD, that I love thy precepts; cause me to live according to thy mercy.

160 ¶ The beginning of thy word *is* truth, and every one of the judgments of thy righteousness is eternal.

161 ¶ SCHIN. Princes have persecuted me without a cause, but my heart stands in awe of thy words.

162 ¶ I rejoice at thy *spoken* word, as one that finds great spoil.

163 ¶ I hate and abhor lying, *but* I love thy law.

164 ¶ Seven times a day do I praise thee because of the judgments of thy righteousness.

165 ¶ Those who love thy law have great peace, and nothing shall cause them to stumble.

166 ¶ LORD, I have waited for thy saving health and done thy commandments.

167 ¶ My soul has kept thy testimonies, and I have loved them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies, for all my ways *are* before thee.

169 ¶ TAU. Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD; give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee; deliver me according to thy *spoken* word.

171 ¶ My lips shall overflow with praise when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172 ¶ My tongue shall speak thy words; for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.

173 ¶ Let thine hand help me, for I have chosen thy precepts.

174 I have longed for thy saving health, O LORD, and thy law *is* my delight.

175 ¶ Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee, and let thy judgments help me.

176 ¶ I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy slave; for I have not forgotten thy commandments.

Psalm 120

A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¶ In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he answered me.
- 2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips *and* from a deceitful tongue.
- 3 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?
- 4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.
- 5 ¶ Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, *that* I dwell in the tents of Kedar!
- 6 My soul has long dwelt with those that hate peace.
- 7 I *am for* peace; but when I speak, they *are* for war.

Psalm 121

A Song of degrees.

1 ¶ I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains, from whence cometh my help.

2 My help *comes* from the LORD, who made the heavens and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keeps thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.

8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 122

A Song of degrees of David.

1 ¶ I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet stood within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem, that one which is built as a city that is well united together

4 Because the tribes went up there, the tribes of JAH, the testimony to Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

5 For there are set thrones of the judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

6 ¶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; those that love thee shall be brought into rest.

7 Peace be within thy walls *and* rest within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace *be* within thee.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek thy good.

Psalm 123

A Song of degrees.

1 ¶ Unto thee I lift up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2 Behold, as the eyes of slaves *look* unto the hand of their masters *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our God, until he shall have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we are exceedingly weary of *being held in* contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly weary of the scorning of those that are at ease *and* of the contempt of the proud.

Psalm 124

A Song of degrees of David.

- 1 ¶ If the LORD had not been for us, now may Israel say,
- 2 If the LORD had not been for us, when men rose up against us,
- 3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled against us;
- 4 then the waters would have overwhelmed us; the flood would have gone over our soul;
- 5 then the proud waters would have gone over our soul.
- 6 ¶ Blessed *be* the LORD, who did not give us *as* a prey to their teeth.
- 7 Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers; the snare has broken, and we are escaped.
- 8 Our help *is* in the name of the LORD, who made the heaven and the earth.

Psalm 125

A Song of degrees.

1 ¶ Those that trust in the LORD *are* as Mount Zion, *which* cannot be removed *but* abides for ever.

2 As the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* round about his people from now on even for ever.

3 For the rod of wickedness shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous because the righteous shall not put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4 ¶ Do good, O LORD, unto *those that are* good and to *those that are* upright in their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall take them away with the workers of iniquity; *and* peace *shall be* upon Israel.

Psalm 126

A Song of degrees.

1 ¶ When the LORD shall turn again the captivity of Zion, we shall be like those that dream.

2 Then our mouth shall be filled with laughter and our tongue with singing; then they shall say among the Gentiles, The LORD has done great things with them.

3 The LORD has done great things with us, *of which* we shall be glad.

4 ¶ Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

5 Those that sow with tears shall reap with joy.

6 He that goes forth and weeps, bearing the precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

Psalm 127

A Song of degrees for Solomon.

1 ¶ Unless the LORD builds the house, they labour in vain that build it; unless the LORD keeps the city, the watchmen watch in vain.

2 *It is* vain for you to rise up early, to come home late, to eat the bread of sorrows, because he shall give his beloved sleep.

3 Behold, sons *are* a heritage of the LORD, *and* the fruit of the womb *is* to be desired.

4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so *are* the young men.

5 Happy *is* the man that has filled his quiver with them: he shall not be ashamed when he speaks with the enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128

A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¶ Blessed *is* every one that fears the LORD, that walks in his ways.
- 2 When thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands; happy *shalt* thou *be*, and *it shall be* well with thee.
- 3 Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of thy house; thy children like olive plants round about thy table.
- 4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that fears the LORD.
- 5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion, and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
- 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children *and* peace upon Israel.

Psalm 129

A Song of degrees.

- 1 ¶ Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:
2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed against me.
3 The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows.
4 The LORD *is* righteous; he has cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
5 ¶ All those that hate Zion shall all be confounded and turned back.
6 They shall be as the grass *upon* the housetops, which withers before it grows up,
7 with which the reaper does not fill his hand nor he that binds sheaves his bosom.
8 Neither did those who go by say, The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you; we bless you in the name of the LORD.

Psalm 130

A Song of degrees.

1 ¶ Out of the depths I cry unto thee, O LORD.

2 Lord, hear my voice; let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3 If thou, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall endure?

4 Therefore *there is* forgiveness close to thee, that thou may be feared.

5 ¶ I have waited for the LORD, my soul has waited, and for his word I have waited.

6 My soul *has waited* for the Lord more than those that watch for the morning: *I say, more than* those that watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel wait for the LORD; for with the LORD *there is* mercy and plenteous redemption close to him.

8 And he shall ransom Israel from all his sins.

Psalm 131

A Song of degrees of David.

1 ¶ LORD, my heart has not become haughty, nor mine eyes lofty; neither have I walked in grandeur, nor in wonderful things *above and* beyond that which pertains to me.

2 Rather *I* have *quieted* myself and caused my soul to become silent, *that I might be* as a child that is weaned of his mother, as one who is weaned from my *own* life.

3 Let Israel wait for the LORD from now on and for ever.

Psalm 132

¶ *A Song of degrees.*

- 1 LORD, remember David *and* all his afflictions:
2 How he swore unto the LORD *and* vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob;
3 surely I will not come into the habitation of my house nor go up into my bed,
4 I will not give sleep to my eyes *or* slumber to my eyelids,
5 until I find out a place for the LORD, a habitation for the mighty *God* of Jacob.
6 Behold, we heard of her in Ephratah; we found her in the fields of the wood.
7 We will go into his tents; we will worship at his footstool.
8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.
9 Thy priests are clothed with righteousness, and thy merciful ones shout for joy.
10 For the love of thy slave David, do not turn away thy face from thine anointed.
11 ¶ The LORD has sworn truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body I will set upon thy throne.
12 If thy sons will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their sons shall also sit upon thy throne for ever.
13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired *her* for his habitation.
14 This *shall be* my rest for ever; here I will dwell; for I have desired her.
15 I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 I will also clothe her priests with saving health, and her merciful ones shall shout aloud for joy.
17 There will I make the horn of David to bud; I have ordained a lamp for my anointed.
18 His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon himself shall his crown blossom.

Psalm 133

A Song of degrees of David.

1 ¶ Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that runs down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard, that goes down to the skirts of his garments;

3 as the dew of Hermon, that descends upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commands blessing and eternal life.

Psalm 134

A Song of degrees.

1 ¶ Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye slaves of the LORD, who by night stand in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

3 The LORD that made the heavens and the earth bless thee out of Zion.

Psalm 135

1 ¶ Halelu-JAH. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise *him*, O ye slaves of the LORD.

2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God,

3 praise JAH; for the LORD *is* good; sing praises unto his name; for *it is* pleasant.

4 For JAH has chosen Jacob unto himself *and* Israel for his own possession.

5 ¶ For I know that the LORD *is* great and *that* our Lord *is* above all gods.

6 Whatever the LORD desired, he did in the heavens and in the earth, in the seas and in all the deep places.

7 He who causes the clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth, made the lightnings in the rain; he who brings the winds out of his treasures.

8 He who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast;

9 sent signs and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his slaves.

10 He who smote many Gentiles and slew mighty kings,

11 Sihon king of the Amorites and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan

12 gave their land *for* a heritage, a heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy name, O LORD, *is* eternal, *and* thy memorial, O LORD, from generation to generation.

14 For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his slaves.

15 ¶ The idols of the Gentiles *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16 They have a mouth, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see;

17 they have ears, but they do not hear; neither is there *any* spirit in their mouths.

18 *Let* those that make them become like unto them *and* every one that trusts in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel; bless the LORD, O house of Aaron:

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi; ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion who dwells at Jerusalem. Halelu-JAH.

Psalm 136

- 1 ¶ O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is good*; for his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 2 O give thanks unto the God of gods, for his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 4 To the only one who does great wonders: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 5 To him that by intelligence made the heavens: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 7 To him that made the great lights: for his mercy *endures* for ever:
- 8 The sun to rule in the day: for his mercy *endures* for ever:
- 9 The moon and stars to rule in the night: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 10 ¶ To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy *endures* for ever:
- 11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy *endures* for ever:
- 12 With a strong hand and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 13 To him who divided the Red Sea into parts: for his mercy *endures* for ever:
- 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy *endures* for ever:
- 15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 16 To him who led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 17 To him who smote great kings: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
- 18 And slew powerful kings: for his mercy *endures* for ever,
- 19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endures* for ever:
- 20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy *endures* for ever:

21 And gave their land for an inheritance: for his mercy *endures* for ever:
22 *Even* an inheritance unto Israel his slave: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
23 ¶ Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endures* for ever:
24 And has redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
25 Who gives food to all flesh: for his mercy *endures* for ever.
26 O give thanks unto the God of the heavens: for his mercy *endures* for ever.

Psalm 137

1 ¶ By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof;

3 when there, those that carried us away captive asked us for the words of the song; *with* our harps of joy *hung upon the willows saying*, Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the song of the LORD in *the* land of strangers?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, my right hand shall be forgotten.

6 If I do not remember thee, my tongue shall cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I do not prefer to lift up Jerusalem as my chief joy.

7 ¶ Remember, O LORD, the sons of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Raze *it*, raze *it*, *even* to the foundation thereof.

8 O daughter of Babylon, *who art to be* destroyed; happy *shall he be*, that rewards thee as thou hast served us.

9 Happy *shall he be*, that takes and dashes thy offspring against the stones.

Psalm 138

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods I will sing praises unto thee.

2 I will worship the temple of thy holiness and praise thy name above thy mercy and thy truth; for thou hast made thy name *to be* magnificent *and raised up* thy *spoken* word above all things.

3 In the day when I called, thou didst answer me *and* strengthen me *with* strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hearken unto the *spoken* words from thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great *is* the glory of the LORD.

6 ¶ For the LORD, *who is* high *and lifted up*, looks upon the humble, but the proud he does not know.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me; thou shalt stretch forth thy hand against the wrath of my enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The LORD will perfect *that which* concerns me; thy mercy, O LORD, *endures* for ever; forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Psalm 139

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

- 1 ¶ O LORD, thou hast searched me and known *me*.
2 Thou knowest my sitting down and my rising up, thou dost understand my thoughts from afar.
3 Thou hast girded my walk and my rest, and hast prepared all my ways.
4 For the word *is* not even upon my tongue, *and*, behold, O LORD, thou dost know it altogether.
5 Thou hast formed my face and my insides and laid thine hand upon me.
6 *Thy* knowledge *is* wonderful beyond my ability to comprehend; it is high, I cannot understand it.
7 ¶ Where shall I go from thy spirit? or where shall I flee from thy presence?
8 If I ascend to the heavens, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou *art there*.
9 *If* I take the wings of the dawn *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall shine because of me.
12 Even the darkness does not hide from thee; but the night shines as the day; the darkness is as the light.
13 For thou hast possessed my kidneys: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; marvellous *are* thy works, and *that*, my soul knows right well.
15 My body was not hid from thee, even though *I* was made in secret *and* brought together in the lowest parts of the earth.
16 Thine eyes did see my substance yet being imperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* were then formed, without *lacking* one of them.

17 ¶ Therefore, how precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

18 *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God; depart from me therefore, ye bloodthirsty men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly, *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.

21 Do I not hate *all* those, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts

24 and see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way eternal.

Psalm 140

To the Overcomer, A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man; preserve me from the man of violence.

2 Who devise evil in *their* heart; they are continually gathered together *for* war.

3 They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent; adders' poison *is* under their lips. Selah.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the man of violence, who have purposed to overthrow my steps.

5 The proud have hid a snare for me and cords; they have spread a net; on the path they have set snares for me. Selah.

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my saving health, cover thou my head in the day of battle.

8 ¶ Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; do not further his *wicked* thought *lest* they exalt themselves. Selah.

9 As *for* the head of those that compass me about, let the perversion of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them; let them be cast into the fire, into deep pits, that they not rise up again.

11 The man *with an evil* tongue shall not be established in the earth; evil shall hunt the man of violence to overthrow *him*.

12 I know that the LORD will effect the judgment of the poor *and* the judgment of the destitute.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name; the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

Psalm 141

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ LORD, I have called unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense, the gift of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, upon my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to do works with ungodliness with the men that work iniquity, and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 ¶ Let the righteous smite me in mercy, and let him reprove me: and let not *a* flattering *evil* prince anoint my head, for my prayer *shall* ever *be* against his evil.

6 Their judges shall be thrown down from strong places; they shall hearken unto my words; for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol, as when one cuts and cleaves *wood* upon the earth.

8 Therefore mine eyes *look* unto thee, O GOD the Lord; in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the hands of the snare *which* they have laid for me, and from the snares of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall together into their own nets, whilst I pass on *ahead* forever.

Psalm 142

*Maschil of David;
A Prayer when he was in the cave.*

1 ¶ I shall cry unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice shall I ask the LORD for mercy.

2 I shall pour out my complaint before him; before him I shall tell of my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou didst know my path. In the way in which I walked have they secretly laid a snare for me.

4 ¶ I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no one that would know me; I had no refuge; no one cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD; I said, Thou *art* my hope *and* my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name; the righteous shall feast with me; when thou shalt have weaned me.

Psalm 143

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications for *the sake of* thy truth; answer me for *the sake of* thy righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy slave; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has smitten my life down to the ground; he has made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore my spirit has become overwhelmed within me; my heart within me has become desolate.

5 I remembered the days of old; I meditated on all thy works; I mused on the work of thy hands.

6 I stretched forth my hands unto thee; my soul *thirsted* after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

7 ¶ Hear me speedily, O LORD; my spirit fails; hide not thy face from me lest I be like those that go down into the grave.

8 Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning, for in thee do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies; I flee unto thee.

10 Teach me to do thy will, for thou *art* my God. Let thy good Spirit lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 By thy name, O LORD, thou shalt give me life; by thy righteousness thou shalt bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And by thy mercy thou shalt scatter my enemies and destroy all the adversaries of my soul; for I *am* thy slave.

Psalm 144

A Psalm of David.

1 ¶ Blessed *be* the LORD my strength, who trains my hands for the battle *and* my fingers for the war:

2 My mercy and my fortress; my high tower and my deliverer; my shield *and he* in whom I trust, who subdues my people under me.

3 LORD, what *is* man that thou knowest him? *or* the son of man, that thou esteemeth him?

4 Man is like unto vanity; his days *are* as a shadow that passes away.

5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning and scatter them; shoot out thine arrows and destroy them.

7 Send thine hand from above; redeem me and deliver me out of many waters, from the hand of the strange sons,

8 whose mouth speaks vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.

9 ¶ I will sing a new song unto thee, O God; upon a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings I will sing *praises* unto thee.

10 *Thou*, he who gives salvation unto kings, who redeems David his slave from the evil sword.

11 Redeem me, and save me from the hand of strange sons, whose mouth speaks vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood:

12 That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the similitude of a palace;

13 *that* our garners *may be* full, affording all manner of store; *that* our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets;

14 *that* our oxen *may be* strong to labour; *that there be* no breaking in nor going out; *that there be* no shout of alarm in our streets.

15 Blessed *is that* people, that is in such a case; *yea*, blessed *is that* people, whose God *is* the LORD.

Psalm 145

David's Psalm of praise.

1 ¶ *Aleph* I will extol thee, my God, my king, and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 *Beth* Each day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 *Gimel* Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

4 *Daleth* One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts.

5 *He* I will speak of the beauty of the glory of thy majesty and of thy wondrous works.

6 *Vau* And *men* shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts, and I will declare thy greatness.

7 *Zain* They shall proclaim the memory of thy great goodness and shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 *Cheth* The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.

9 *Teth* The LORD is good to all; and his tender mercies shine over all his works.

10 ¶ *Jod* Let all thy works praise thee, O LORD, and thy merciful ones bless thee.

11 *Caph* They speak of the glory of thy kingdom and talk of thy power,

12 *Lamed* to make known to the sons of Adam his mighty acts and the glory of the magnificence of his kingdom.

13 *Mem* Thy kingdom is a kingdom of all ages, and thy dominion endures throughout all generations.

14 *Samech* The LORD upholds all that fall and raises up all those that are oppressed.

15 *Ain* The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their food in due season.

16 *Pe* Thou dost open thine hand and satisfy the desire *of* every living thing.

17 *Tzaddi* The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways and merciful in all his works.

18 *Koph* The LORD *is* near unto all those that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19 *Resh* He will fulfil the desire of those that fear him; he also will hear their cry and will save them.

20 *Schin* The LORD preserves all those that love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

21 *Tau* My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm 146

1 ¶ Halelu-JAH. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

2 In my life I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises unto my God while I live.

3 Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man in whom *there is* no salvation.

4 His spirit shall go forth, he shall return to his earth; in that very day all his thoughts shall perish.

5 ¶ Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God;

6 who made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that *is* therein; who keeps truth for ever:

7 He who does justice unto the oppressed; who gives bread to the hungry. The LORD looses the prisoners:

8 The LORD opens *the eyes of* the blind; the LORD raises those that are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous:

9 The LORD preserves the strangers; he raises up the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

10 The LORD shall reign for ever, *even thy* God, O Zion, from generation to generation. Halelu-JAH.

Psalm 147

- 1 ¶ Halelu-JAH: for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for praise is pleasant and beautiful.
- 2 The LORD, he who builds up Jerusalem; shall gather together the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the broken hearted, and he binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *and* calls them all by *their* names.
- 5 Great *is* our Lord and of great power; his intelligence *is* infinite.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked down to the earth.
- 7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:
- 8 Who covers the heavens with clouds, who prepares the rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow upon the mountains.
- 9 He who gives the beast his food *and* to the sons of the ravens which cry *unto him*.
- 10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse; nor does he take pleasure in the legs of a man.
- 11 The LORD takes pleasure in those that fear him, in those that wait upon his mercy.
- 12 ¶ Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.
- 13 For he has strengthened the bars of thy gates; he has blessed thy sons within thee.
- 14 He who makes peace *to be* thy borders shall fill thee with the finest of the wheat.
- 15 He sends forth his word *upon* earth; his word runs very swiftly.
- 16 He who gives snow like wool scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.
- 17 He casts forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold?
- 18 He shall send forth his word and melt them; his wind shall blow, and the waters shall flow.
- 19 He declares his words unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

20 He has not dealt so with the other nations, *which* have not known *his* judgments. Halelu-JAH.

Psalm 148

1 ¶ Halelu-JAH. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

2 Praise ye him, all his angels; praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens and ye waters that *are* above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He has established them for ever and ever: he has made a law which shall not be broken.

7 ¶ Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps,

8 fire and hail; snow and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word,

9 mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars,

10 beasts and all animals; creeping things and flying fowl,

11 kings of the earth and all the peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,

12 both young men and maidens, the old with the children,

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD; for his name alone is excellent; his glory *is* above earth and heavens.

14 *He* has exalted the horn of his people; let all his merciful ones praise him; *even* of the sons of Israel, the people near unto him. Halelu-JAH.

Psalm 149

1 ¶ Halelu-JAH. Sing unto the LORD a new song, let his praise *be* in the congregation of the merciful.

2 Let Israel rejoice with his Maker; let the sons of Zion be joyful with their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he will beautify the humble with saving health.

5 The merciful shall be joyful with glory; they shall sing aloud upon their beds.

6 ¶ The high *praises* of God *shall be* in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand,

7 to execute vengeance upon the Gentiles *and* punishments upon the peoples,

8 to imprison their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,

9 to execute upon them the judgment written: this shall be glory for all his merciful ones. Halelu-JAH.

Psalm 150

- 1 ¶ Halelu-JAH. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the sound of the shofar; praise him with the psaltery and harp.
- 4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
- 5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals; praise him upon the cymbals of joy.
- 6 Let every thing that has breath praise JAH. Halelu-JAH.

The
Proverbs
of Solomon

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Proverbs 1

- 1 ¶ The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel;
2 to know wisdom and chastening; to understand prudent words;
3 to receive the chastening of prudence, justice, judgment, and equity;
4 to give prudence to the simple, and to the young men knowledge and council.
- 5 If the wise will hear *them*, doctrine shall increase, and the man of understanding shall acquire wise counsel:
- 6 To understand *a* parable and *the* interpretation; the words of the wise and their enigmas.
- 7 ¶ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge, *but* fools despise wisdom and chastening.
- 8 My son, hearken unto the chastening of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
- 9 For they *shall be* an increase of grace unto thy head and protection about thy neck.
- 10 ¶ My son, if sinners entice thee, do not consent.
- 11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay *in* wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without cause.

12 Let us swallow them up alive as Sheol and whole as those that go down into the pit;

13 We shall find all kinds of riches, we shall fill our houses with spoil.

14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

15 My son, do not walk in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

16 For their feet shall run to evil and make haste to shed blood.

17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

18 And they lay *in* wait for their *own* blood; they ambush their *own* souls.

19 So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain *which* takes away the life of those who possess it.

20 ¶ Wisdom cries without; she utters her voice in the streets:

21 She cries in the chief place of concourse, in the entrance to the gates of the city she utters her words, *saying*,

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and the fools hate knowledge?

23 Return at my reproof; behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 Because I have called and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one responded;

25 *for because* ye have disregarded all my counsel and rejected my reproof:

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear comes upon *you*;

27 when what you have feared comes as destruction, and your calamity comes as a whirlwind; when tribulation and anguish come upon you.

28 Then they shall call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

30 They rejected my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore they shall eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own counsel.

32 For the rest of the ignorant shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whosoever hearkens unto me shall dwell safely and shall rest from *the* fear of evil.

Proverbs 2

1 ¶ My son, if thou wilt receive my words and hide my commandments within thee
2 so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom *and* apply thine heart to intelligence,
3 *yea*, if thou criest for understanding *and* givest thy voice unto intelligence,
4 if thou seekest her as silver and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures,
5 then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.
6 For the LORD gives wisdom; out of his mouth *comes* knowledge and intelligence.
7 He keeps the person of the upright; *he is* a buckler to those that walk perfectly,
8 keeping the paths of judgment and the way of his merciful ones.
9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness and judgment and equity, *yea*, every good path.
10 ¶ When wisdom enters into thine heart and knowledge is sweet unto thy soul,
11 discretion shall preserve thee, intelligence shall keep thee
12 to deliver thee from the evil way, from the man that speaks perversion,
13 who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,
14 who rejoice to do evil *and* delight in wicked perversion,
15 whose ways *are* crooked, and *they are* crooked in their paths;
16 to deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *who* flatters with her words,
17 who forsakes the prince of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God.
18 Therefore her house inclines unto death, and her paths unto the dead.
19 None that go unto her return again, neither do they take hold of the paths of life.
20 That thou may walk in the way of good *men* and keep the paths of the righteous.

21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

Proverbs 3

- 1 ¶ My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments:
2 For they shall add length of days and long life and peace unto thee.
3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the tablet of thine heart:
4 So shalt thou find grace and good favour in the sight of God and man.
5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
7 ¶ Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil.
8 It shall be medicine to thy navel and marrow to thy bones.
9 Honour the LORD with thy substance and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
11 My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:
12 For the LORD chastens whom he loves and delights in, even as a father to his son.
13 ¶ Blessed *is* the man *that* has found wisdom and who brings *to light* intelligence,
14 for the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver and the fruits thereof more than fine gold.
15 She *is* more precious than precious stones, and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.
16 Length of days *is* in her right hand *and* in her left hand riches and honour.
17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.
18 She *is a* tree of life to those that lay hold upon her, and blessed *is every one* that retains her.

19 The LORD by wisdom has founded the earth; by intelligence has he established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the heavens drop down the dew.

21 ¶ My son, do not let them depart from thine eyes; keep sound wisdom and discretion,

22 so shall they be life unto thy soul and grace to thy neck.

23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: *yea*, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25 Thou shalt not be afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked when it comes.

26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

27 ¶ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.

28 Do not say unto thy neighbour, Go and come again and tomorrow I will give when thou hast it by thee.

29 Do not devise evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwells securely by thee.

30 Do not sue a man without cause, if he has done thee no harm.

31 Envy thou not the oppressor and choose none of his ways.

32 For the perverse *is an* abomination to the LORD; but his secret *is* with the righteous.

33 The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked, but he shall bless the habitation of the just.

34 Surely he scorns the scorers; but he gives grace unto the humble.

35 The wise shall inherit glory; but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

Proverbs 4

1 ¶ Hearken, ye sons, *unto* the chastening of the father, and pay attention that ye might know understanding.

2 For I give you good doctrine; do not forsake my law.

3 For I was my father's son, tender and unique in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me and said unto me, Sustain thine heart with my words; keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom, get understanding; forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee; love her, and she shall keep thee.

7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing, *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

8 Grow in *wisdom*, and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honour when thou hast embraced her.

9 She shall give to thine head an increase of grace; a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my words, and the years of thy life shall be multiplied.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have caused thee to walk in right paths.

12 When thou goest *in these paths*, thy steps shall not be hindered; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of chastening; do not let go; keep this; for it *is* thy life.

14 ¶ Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16 For they do not sleep, unless they have done evil; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *someone* to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the just *is* as the light of the *morning* star, that shines more and more until the day is perfect.

19 The way of the wicked *is* as darkness; they do not know in what they stumble.

20 ¶ My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my words.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they *are* life unto those that find them and medicine to all their flesh.

23 Above all else, guard thy heart; for out of it flows the *issues of* life.

24 Put away from thee the perversion of the mouth, and the deviation of the lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look upon that which is right, and let thine eyelids straighten *thy path* before thee.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left; remove thy foot from evil.

Proverbs 5

1 ¶ My son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my intelligence;
2 that thou may keep council and *that* thy lips may conserve knowledge.
3 For the lips of the strange *woman* drop *as* a honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil,
4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death, her steps uphold Sheol,
6 lest thou should ponder the path of life, her ways are unstable; thou shalt not know them.
7 Hear me now therefore, O ye sons, and do not depart from the words of my mouth.
8 Remove thy way far from her, and do not come near the door of her house,
9 lest thou give thine honour unto others and thy years unto the cruel,
10 lest strangers be filled with thy wealth, and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger,
11 and thou mourn at the last when thy flesh and thy body are consumed
12 and say, How have I hated chastening and my heart despised reproof
13 and have not obeyed the voice of those who chastened me, nor inclined my ear to those that instructed me!
14 I have been in almost every *kind of* evil, in the midst of society and of the congregation.
15 ¶ Drink waters out of thine own cistern and running waters out of thine own well.
16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of *thy* waters in the streets.
17 Let them be only thine own and not for strangers with thee.
18 Thy fountain shall be blessed; and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.
19 *Let her be as* the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love, *without eyes for anyone else*.

20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a woman belonging to someone else, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he weighs all his goings.

22 His *own* iniquities shall take hold of the wicked, and he shall be imprisoned with the cords of his sins.

23 He shall die because he did not submit to chastening; and due to the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Proverbs 6

1 ¶ My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,

2 thou art snared with the words of thy mouth; thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, for thou hast fallen into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.

5 Escape as a roe from the hand *of the hunter* and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6 ¶ Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise,

7 Who having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 provides her food in the summer *and* gathers her food in the harvest.

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travels and thy want as an armed man.

12 ¶ A wicked man of Belial walks with a perverse mouth.

13 He winks with his eyes, he speaks with his feet, he teaches with his fingers;

14 there is perversion in his heart; he devises evil continually; he sows discord.

15 Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.

16 These six *things* does the LORD hate: *yea*, seven *are* an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 a heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that are swift in running to evil,

19 a false witness *that* speaks lies, and he that sows discord among brethren.

20 ¶ My son, keep thy father's commandment and forsake not the law of thy mother:

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart *and* tie them about thy neck.

22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For the commandment *is* fire, and the law *is* light; and reproofs of chastening *are* the way of life,

24 to keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart, neither let her take thee with her eyes.

26 For by means of a whorish woman *a man is reduced* to a piece of bread, and the woman will hunt the precious soul of the man.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned?

28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

29 So *is* he that goes in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever touches her shall not be innocent.

30 *Men* do not take a thief lightly, *even* if he steals to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

31 and once he is taken, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

32 *But* whosoever commits adultery with a woman *has a fault in his* heart; he *that* does it corrupts his own soul.

33 A wound and dishonour shall he get, and his reproach shall never be wiped away.

34 For the jealous rage of a man will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he want to forgive, though thou givest many bribes.

Proverbs 7

- 1 ¶ My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.
2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.
3 Bind them upon thy fingers; write them upon the tablet of thine heart.
4 Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister, and call understanding *thy* kinswoman:
5 That they may keep thee from the woman belonging to someone else, from the stranger *who* flatters with her words.
6 ¶ For at the window of my house I looked through my casement
7 and beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,
8 passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,
9 in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night;
10 and, behold, a woman met him *with* the attire of a harlot, and subtil of heart.
11 (She *is* loud and stubborn; her feet do not abide in her house:
12 Now without, now in the streets, *she* lies in wait at every corner.)
13 So she caught him and kissed him *and* with an impudent face said unto him,
14 I had promised sacrifices of peace; today I have paid my vows.
15 Therefore I came forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.
16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works*, with fine linen of Egypt.
17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning; let us solace ourselves with loves.
19 For the husband *is* not at home; he is gone a long journey:
20 He has taken a bag of money with him *and* will come home at the *appointed* feast day.

21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield; with the flattering of her lips she persuaded him.

22 He went after her straightway, as an ox goes to the slaughter or as a fool to the correction of the stocks,

23 until the arrow pierces through his liver. *He is* as a bird struggling in the snare and not knowing that it *is* against his own life.

24 ¶ Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye sons, and attend to the words of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways; do not go astray in her paths.

26 For she has caused many to fall down dead; *yea*, all the strong *men* have been slain by her.

27 Her house *is* the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 8

- 1 ¶ Doth not wisdom cry, and give her voice to intelligence?
2 She stands in the top of high places, by the way at the crossroads of the paths.
3 She cries at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.
4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice *is* to the sons of men.
5 O ye simple, understand prudence; and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
6 Hear, for I will speak of excellent things, and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.
7 For my mouth shall speak truth, and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.
8 All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing perverse or twisted in them.
9 They *are* all plain to him that understands and right to those that have found wisdom.
10 Receive my chastening and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold.
11 For wisdom *is* better than precious stones; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
12 ¶ I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and *I* invent the knowledge of *giving* counsel.
13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil; pride, arrogancy, the evil way, and the perverse mouth, do I hate.
14 With me is counsel, and existence; I *am* understanding; strength belongs to me.
15 By me the kings reign, and the princes decree justice.
16 By me the princes rule, and all of the governors judge the earth.
17 I love those that love me, and those that seek me *early* shall find me.
18 Riches and honour *are* with me, *yea*, durable riches and righteousness.

19 My fruit *is* better than gold, *yea*, than precious stones, and my revenue than choice silver.

20 I *shall* lead in the way of righteousness in the midst of the paths of judgment,

21 that I may cause my friends to inherit existence and I will fill their treasures.

22 ¶ The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was *set up* with eternal dominion, from the beginning, before the earth *was*.

24 I was begotten before the depths, before the existence of the fountains of many waters.

25 Before the mountains were founded, before the hills was I begotten.

26 While as yet *he* had not made the earth nor the fields nor the beginning of the dust of the world,

27 when *he* composed the heavens, I *was* there. When he set a compass upon the face of the depth,

28 when *he* established the clouds above, when *he* strengthened the fountains of the deep,

29 when he gave to the sea his decree that the waters should not pass his commandment, when he appointed the foundations of the earth,

30 I was with him ordering everything; I was his delight every day, being content before him at all times;

31 I am content in the circumference of his earth, and my contentment is with the sons of men.

32 ¶ Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye sons; for blessed *are those that* keep my ways.

33 Hearken unto chastening, and be wise; refuse it not.

34 Blessed *is* the man that hears me, keeping vigil at my gates, waiting at the threshold of my doors.

35 For whosoever finds me shall find life and shall obtain the will of the LORD.

36 But he that sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those that hate me love death.

Proverbs 9

- 1 ¶ Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out her seven pillars:
2 She has killed her sacrifice; she has mingled her wine; and she has furnished her table.
3 She has sent forth her maidens; she cries upon the highest places of the city,
4 whosoever *is* simple, let him turn in here; *as for* those that lack understanding, {Heb. lacking of heart} she saith unto him,
5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.
6 Forsake that which is foolish and live and go in the way of understanding.
7 He that chastens a scorner brings shame unto himself, and he that chastens a wicked *man brings* himself a blot.
8 Chasten not a scorner lest he hate thee; chasten a wise man, and he will love thee.
9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.
10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.
11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.
12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself; but *if* thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it*.
13 ¶ A foolish woman *is* clamorous: *she is* simple and knows nothing.
14 For she sits at the door of her house on a seat in the high places of the city
15 to call to those who pass by the way, to those who straighten their ways;
16 Whosoever *is* simple, let him turn in here; and *as for* him that lacks understanding, she saith unto him:
17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.
18 But he does not know that the dead *are* there *and that* her guests *are* in the depths of Sheol.

Proverbs 10

(The parables of Solomon.)

- 1 ¶ A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son *is* sadness unto his mother.
- 2 ¶ Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death.
- 3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish, but wickedness shall cast out the wicked.
- 4 ¶ He that deals *with* a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- 5 ¶ He that gathers in summer *is* a wise son, *but* he that sleeps in harvest *is* a son that causes shame.
- 6 ¶ Blessings *are* upon the head of the just, but the mouth of the wicked covers violence.
- 7 ¶ The memory of the just *is* blessed, but the name of the wicked shall stink.
- 8 ¶ The wise in heart will receive the commandments, but he who speaks foolishness shall fall.
- 9 ¶ He that walks in integrity walks securely, but he that perverts his ways shall be broken.
- 10 ¶ He that winks with the eye causes sorrow, and he that speaks foolishness shall fall.
- 11 ¶ The mouth of a righteous *man is* a well of life, but the mouth of the wicked covers violence.
- 12 ¶ Hatred stirs up strifes, but love covers all sins.
- 13 ¶ In the lips of the prudent wisdom is found and *is* a rod unto the back of him that is void of understanding.
- 14 ¶ Wise *men* keep knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish *is* near *unto* calamity.
- 15 ¶ The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city; the weakness of the poor *is* their poverty.

16 ¶ The work of the righteous *is* unto life, but the fruit of the wicked is for sin.

17 ¶ He *is in* the way of life that gives heed to chastening, but he that refuses reproof errs.

18 ¶ He that hides hatred *has* lying lips, and he that utters a slander, *is* a fool.

19 ¶ In the multitude of words there *is* no lack *of* rebellion, but he that refrains his lips *is* wise.

20 ¶ *The* tongue of the just *is as* choice silver, but the understanding {Heb. heart} of the wicked *is worth* little.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of wisdom.

22 ¶ The blessing of the LORD is that which makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

23 ¶ To make an abomination *is* as sport to the fool, but wisdom is recreation to the man of intelligence.

24 ¶ The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him, but *God* shall grant the desire of the righteous.

25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no *more*, but the righteous *is* founded for ever.

26 ¶ As vinegar to the teeth and as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to those that send him.

27 ¶ The fear of the LORD shall prolong days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous *is* joy, but the hope of the wicked shall perish.

29 ¶ The way of the LORD *is* strength to the perfect, but *it is* terror to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous eternally shall never be removed, but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

31 ¶ The mouth of the just shall bring forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue shall be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous shall know the will *of God*, but the mouth of the wicked speaks perversion.

Proverbs 11

- 1 ¶ A false balance *is* abomination to the LORD, but a just weight *is* his delight.
- 2 ¶ *When* pride comes, then comes shame, but with the humble *is* wisdom.
- 3 ¶ The perfection of the upright shall guide them in the way, but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.
- 4 ¶ Riches shall not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness shall deliver from death.
- 5 ¶ The righteousness of the perfect shall straighten his way, but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them, but transgressors shall be imprisoned in *their own* sin.
- 7 ¶ When the wicked man dies, *his* hope perishes, and the hope of unjust *men* shall perish.
- 8 ¶ The righteous is delivered out of the tribulation, and the wicked takes his place.
- 9 ¶ The hypocrite with *his* mouth destroys his neighbour, but the just are delivered with wisdom.
- 10 ¶ When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish, *there are* feasts.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 ¶ He that is void of understanding despises his neighbour, but the intelligent man remains silent.
- 13 A talebearer reveals secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit conceals the matter.
- 14 ¶ When intelligence is lacking, the people shall fall, but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* salvation.
- 15 ¶ With anxiety shall he that is surety for a stranger be afflicted, and he that hates suretiship shall live securely.
- 16 ¶ The gracious woman retains honour, and strong *men* retain riches.

17 ¶ The merciful man does good to his own soul, but the cruel *man* troubles his own flesh.

18 ¶ The wicked works a deceitful work, but to him that sows righteousness *shall be* a sure reward.

19 ¶ As righteousness *is* unto life, so he that pursues evil *pursues it* unto his own death.

20 ¶ They that are of a perverse heart *are an* abomination to the LORD, but *such as are* perfect in *their* way *are* his delight.

21 ¶ No matter how many covenants he has made with death, the wicked shall not be absolved, but the seed of the righteous shall escape.

22 ¶ As a gold ring in a swine's snout, *so is* a fair woman which is without discretion.

23 ¶ The desire of the righteous *is* only good, *but* the hope of the wicked *is* wrath.

24 ¶ There are *those who* scatter, and more is added unto *them*; and *there are those who* withhold more than is just, but *come* to poverty.

25 ¶ The soul who is a blessing *unto others* shall be made fat, and he that fills shall be filled also himself.

26 ¶ He that withholds the grain, the people shall curse him, but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that sells *it*.

27 ¶ He that seeks good early shall find favour, but unto him that seeks evil, *it* shall come upon him.

28 ¶ He that trusts in his riches shall fall, but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

29 ¶ He that troubles his own house shall inherit the wind, and the fool *shall be* slave to the wise of heart.

30 ¶ The fruit of the righteous *is a* tree of life, and he that wins souls *is* wise.

31 ¶ The righteous shall certainly be recompensed in the earth; how much more the wicked and the sinner!

Proverbs 12

- 1 ¶ Whosoever loves chastening loves knowledge, but he that hates reproof *is* carnal.
- 2 ¶ The good *man* shall attain the favour of the LORD, but the man of wicked thoughts he will condemn.
- 3 ¶ Man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
- 4 ¶ The virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband, but she that makes ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.
- 5 ¶ The thoughts of the righteous *are* upright, *but* the astuteness of the wicked *is* deceit.
- 6 ¶ The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood, but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
- 7 ¶ God shall overthrow the wicked, and they shall not be any longer, but the house of the righteous shall remain.
- 8 ¶ A man shall be commended according to his wisdom, but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
- 9 ¶ He that despises himself and becomes a slave *is* better than he that honours himself and lacks bread.
- 10 ¶ The righteous is merciful *even* unto his beast, but the piety of the wicked *is* cruel.
- 11 ¶ He that tills his land shall be satisfied with bread, but he that follows vain *persons* *is* void of understanding.
- 12 ¶ The wicked desires the net of evil *men*, but the root of the righteous shall yield fruit.
- 13 ¶ The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips, but the just shall come out of the tribulation.
- 14 ¶ Man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth, and the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.
- 15 ¶ The way of the fool *is* right in his own eyes, but he that hears counsel *is* wise.
- 16 ¶ A fool's wrath is presently known, but he who covers the injury *is* sane.

17 ¶ *He that* speaks truth shows forth righteousness, but a false witness, deceit.

18 ¶ There are *those* that speak like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise *is* medicine.

19 ¶ The lip of truth shall be established for ever, but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.

20 ¶ Deceit *is* in the heart of those whose thoughts are evil, but joy in that of those whose thoughts are good.

21 ¶ No iniquity shall overtake the righteous: but the wicked shall be filled with evil.

22 ¶ Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but the workers of the truth *are* his delight.

23 ¶ The sane man conceals his wisdom: but the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

24 ¶ The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the negligent shall be under tribute.

25 ¶ Heaviness in the heart of man makes it stoop: but a good word makes it glad.

26 ¶ The righteous causes his neighbour to consider: but the way of the wicked causes them to err.

27 ¶ The deceitful *man* does not *even* roast that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.

28 ¶ In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

Proverbs 13

- 1 ¶ A wise son *takes* his father's chastening: but a scorner does not hear rebuke.
- 2 ¶ Of the fruit of his mouth man shall eat well: but the soul of the transgressors *shall* starve.
- 3 ¶ He that keeps his mouth keeps his life: *but* he that opens his lips often shall have calamity.
- 4 ¶ The soul of the sluggard desires, and attains nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.
- 5 ¶ The righteous *man* hates lying: but the wicked *man* makes himself loathsome, and abominable.
- 6 ¶ Righteousness keeps the one of *the* perfect way: but wickedness overthrows the sinner.
- 7 ¶ There are *those* that make themselves rich, yet *have* nothing: *there are those* that make themselves poor, yet *have* great riches.
- 8 ¶ The redemption of a man's life *is* his riches: but the poor does not hear rebuke.
- 9 ¶ The light of the righteous shall rejoice: but the fire of the wicked shall be put out.
- 10 ¶ Pride shall certainly give birth to contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.
- 11 ¶ The riches of vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathers by labour shall increase.
- 12 ¶ Hope deferred makes the heart sick: but *when* the desire *is* fulfilled, *it is* a tree of life.
- 13 ¶ Whosoever despises the word shall perish by it: but he that fears the commandment shall be rewarded.
- 14 ¶ The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
- 15 ¶ Good understanding brings forth grace: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.

16 ¶ Every sane *man* works according to wisdom: but the fool shall manifest *his* folly.

17 ¶ A bad messenger shall fall into evil: but a faithful ambassador *is* medicine.

18 ¶ Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuses chastening: but he that regards reproof shall be honoured.

19 ¶ The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.

20 ¶ He that walks with wise *men* shall be wise, but the companion of fools shall be destroyed.

21 ¶ Evil pursues sinners, but to the righteous good shall be repaid.

22 ¶ A good *man* shall leave an inheritance to his children's children, and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.

23 ¶ In the fallow ground of the poor there *is* much bread, but it is lost for lack of judgment.

24 ¶ He that cuts short chastening hates his son, but he that loves him chastens him early.

25 ¶ The righteous eats until his soul is satisfied, but the belly of the wicked shall lack.

Proverbs 14

1 ¶ Every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish plucks it down with her hands.

2 ¶ He that walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, but *he that is* perverse in his ways despises him.

3 ¶ In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride, but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

4 ¶ Without oxen, the storehouse *is* clean, but by the strength of the ox there is abundance of bread.

5 ¶ The true witness will not lie, but the false witness will utter lies.

6 ¶ The scorner sought wisdom and *found it* not, but wisdom *comes* easy unto him that understands.

7 ¶ Go from the presence of the foolish man when thou dost not perceive *in him* the lips of knowledge.

8 ¶ The wisdom of the sane *is* to understand his way, but the folly of fools *is* deceit.

9 ¶ Fools speak sin unto themselves, but among the righteous *there is* love.

10 ¶ The heart knows the bitterness of his soul, and a stranger shall not intermeddle with his joy.

11 ¶ The house of the wicked shall be made desolate, but the tent of the upright shall flourish.

12 ¶ There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

13 ¶ Even in laughter, *the scorner* has pain in his heart, and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.

14 ¶ The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways, and the good man *shall be separated* from him.

15 ¶ The simple believes every word, but the prudent *man* understands his steps.

16 ¶ The wise *man* fears and departs from evil, but the fool rages and is confident.

17 ¶ *He that is* soon angry shall deal foolishly, and the man of wicked devices shall be hated.

18 ¶ The simple shall inherit folly, but the prudent shall be crowned with wisdom.

19 ¶ Those *who are* evil shall bow before those *who are* good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 ¶ The poor is hated even of his own neighbour, but many are those who love the rich.

21 ¶ The sinner despises his neighbour, but he that has mercy on the poor is blessed.

22 ¶ Do they not err that meditate upon evil? but those that meditate upon good shall attain mercy and truth.

23 ¶ In all labour there is fruit, but to talk and not do, brings poverty.

24 ¶ The crown of the wise *is* their wisdom, *but* that which distinguishes fools *is their* folly.

25 ¶ The true witness delivers souls, but the deceitful *one* speaks lies.

26 ¶ In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence, and *there* his sons shall have hope.

27 The fear of the LORD *is a* fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

28 ¶ In the multitude of the people *is* the king's glory, but in the failure of the people *is* the weakness of the prince.

29 ¶ He *that is* slow to wrath *is* of great intelligence, but *he that is* short of spirit exalts folly.

30 ¶ A sound heart *is* life to the flesh, but envy *is* rottenness of the bones.

31 ¶ He that oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he that has mercy on the poor, honours him.

32 ¶ For his wickedness shall the wicked be cast out, but the righteous in his death has hope.

33 ¶ Wisdom shall rest in the heart of him that is sane and is made known in the midst of the fools.

34 ¶ Righteousness exalts a people, but sin *is* a reproach to the nations.

35 ¶ The king's favour *is* toward the wise slave, but his wrath is *against* him that causes shame.

Proverbs 15

1 ¶ A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.

2 ¶ The tongue of the wise shall adorn wisdom, but the mouth of fools shall speak foolishness.

3 ¶ The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding those *who are* evil and those *who are* good.

4 ¶ The wholesome tongue *is a* tree of life, but perverseness therein *is a* breach in the spirit.

5 ¶ The fool despises his father's chastening, but he that regards reproof shall become prudent.

6 ¶ In the house of the righteous *is* much provision, but in the fruit of the wicked is trouble.

7 ¶ The lips of the wise disperse wisdom, but the heart of the foolish *does* not so.

8 ¶ The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

9 ¶ The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD, but he loves him that follows after righteousness.

10 ¶ Chastening *is* grievous unto him that forsakes the way, but he that hates reproof shall die.

11 ¶ Sheol and hell *are* before the LORD; how much more then the hearts of men?

12 ¶ The scorner does not love *the* one that reproves him, neither will he go unto the wise.

13 ¶ A joyful heart makes a beautiful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is abated.

14 ¶ The heart of him that has understanding seeks wisdom, but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

15 ¶ All the days of the poor *are* difficult, but he that is of a good heart *has a* continual feast.

16 ¶ Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better *is* a dinner of vegetables where love is than a fatted calf and hatred therewith.

18 ¶ A wrathful man stirs up strife, but *he that is* slow to anger appeases strife.

19 ¶ The way of the slothful *man is* as a hedge of thorns, but the path of the righteous *is* made plain.

20 ¶ The wise son makes a glad father, but the foolish man despises his mother.

21 ¶ Folly *is* joy to *him that is* destitute of understanding, but the man who is intelligent walks uprightly.

22 ¶ Without counsel purposes are disappointed, but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

23 ¶ A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *it is*!

24 ¶ The way of life *is* uphill to the wise, that he may separate himself from Sheol below.

25 ¶ The LORD will destroy the house of the proud, but he will establish the inheritance of the widow.

26 ¶ The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD, but the speech of the pure is pure.

27 ¶ He that is greedy of gain troubles his own house, but he that hates gifts shall live.

28 ¶ The heart of the righteous studies to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

29 ¶ The LORD *is* far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

30 ¶ The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, *and* a good report makes the bones fat.

31 ¶ The ear that hears the reproof of life shall abide among the wise.

32 ¶ He that refuses chastening despises his own soul, but he that hears reproof has an *understanding* heart.

33 ¶ The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom, and before honour *is* humility.

Proverbs 16

- 1 ¶ Of man *are* the preparations of the heart, but the answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD.
- 2 ¶ All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirits.
- 3 ¶ Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.
- 4 ¶ The LORD has made all things by himself, *yea*, even the wicked for the day of evil.
- 5 ¶ Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD; the covenant that he makes, shall not be without chastening.
- 6 ¶ By mercy and truth iniquity is purged, and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.
- 7 ¶ When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 ¶ Better *is* a little with righteousness than a great number of fruits with injustice.
- 9 ¶ The heart of man devises his way, but the LORD directs his steps.
- 10 ¶ A divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king; his mouth does not transgress in judgment.
- 11 ¶ A just weight and balance *are* the LORD's; all the weights of the bag *are* his work.
- 12 ¶ *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness, for the throne is to be established with righteousness.
- 13 ¶ Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings, and they love him that speaks that which is right.
- 14 ¶ The wrath of the king *is as a* messenger of death, but the wise man will avoid it.
- 15 In the light of the king's countenance *is* life, and his favour *is as a* cloud of the latter rain.
- 16 ¶ How much better *is it* to acquire wisdom than gold! and to acquire understanding is worth more than silver!

17 ¶ The highway of the upright *is* to separate himself from evil; he that keeps his way preserves his soul.

18 ¶ Pride *goes* before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

19 ¶ It is better to humble *your* spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.

20 ¶ He who has understanding in the word shall find good, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.

21 ¶ The wise in heart is called *a man* of understanding; and the sweetness of the lips shall increase doctrine.

22 ¶ Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that has it, but the instruction of fools *is* folly.

23 ¶ The heart of the wise causes his mouth *to be* prudent, and with his lips *he* shall increase doctrine.

24 ¶ Pleasant words *are as* a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and medicine to the bones.

25 ¶ There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

26 ¶ The soul of him that labours, labours for himself; for his mouth craves it of him.

27 ¶ The man of Belial digs *in search of* evil, and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire.

28 The perverse man sows strife, and the tale bearer separates princes.

29 ¶ The evil man flatters his neighbour and leads him into the way *that is* not good.

30 He shuts his eyes to devise perverse things; moving his lips he brings evil to pass.

31 ¶ Old age *is* a crown of glory *if* it is found in the way of righteousness.

32 ¶ *He that is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty, and he that rules his spirit than he that takes a city.

33 ¶ The lot is cast into the lap, but the judgment thereof *is* of the LORD.

Proverbs 17

- 1 ¶ Better *is* a dry morsel in peace than the house of contention full of sacrifices *for a feast*.
- 2 ¶ A prudent slave shall have rule over a son that causes shame and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.
- 3 ¶ The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold, but the LORD tries the hearts.
- 4 ¶ An evil doer gives heed to false lips, *and* a liar gives ear to the tongue which curses.
- 5 ¶ Whosoever mocks the poor reproaches his Maker, *and* he that is glad regarding the calamity *of someone else* shall not go unpunished.
- 6 ¶ Children's children *are* the crown of old men, and the honour of the children *are* their fathers.
- 7 ¶ Excellent speech is not suitable for a fool: much less lying lips for a prince!
- 8 ¶ A bribe *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that has it; wherever it turns, it prospers.
- 9 ¶ He that covers a transgression seeks love, but he that repeats a matter separates *very* friends.
- 10 ¶ Reproof is of more benefit to a wise man than a hundred stripes to a fool.
- 11 ¶ The rebellious *man* seeks only evil; therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
- 12 ¶ It is better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool in his folly.
- 13 ¶ Whosoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.
- 14 ¶ To release the *waters (to speak rashly)* is the beginning of contention; therefore, leave off strife before it gets started.
- 15 ¶ He that justifies the wicked and he that condemns the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.
- 16 ¶ Of what good is the price to buy wisdom in the hand of the fool, seeing *he has* no heart *to understand*?

17 ¶ A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18 ¶ A man void of understanding strikes hands *and* becomes surety in the presence of his friend.

19 ¶ Transgression loves him that loves strife, *and* he that exalts his gate seeks destruction.

20 ¶ He that has a perverse heart shall never find good, and he that stirs up *trouble* with his tongue shall fall into evil.

21 ¶ He that begets a fool *does it* to his sorrow, and the father of a fool shall have no joy.

22 ¶ A joyful heart shall do good *like* a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.

23 ¶ A wicked *man* takes a gift in secret to pervert the paths of judgment.

24 ¶ Wisdom *appears* upon the countenance of him that has understanding, but the eyes of a fool *manifest his folly* unto the ends of the earth.

25 ¶ The foolish son *is* a grief to his father and bitterness to her that bore him.

26 ¶ It is certainly not good to condemn the just, nor to smite princes for doing that which is upright.

27 ¶ He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

28 Even a fool, when he is silent is counted wise, and he that shuts his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

Proverbs 18

- 1 ¶ Whosoever goes astray seeks according to his own lust and shall meddle with every doctrine.
- 2 ¶ A fool has no delight in understanding, but in that which his own heart discovers.
- 3 ¶ When the wicked comes, then comes also contempt, and with him who dishonours, reproach.
- 4 ¶ The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.
- 5 ¶ To respect the person of the wicked so that the righteous loses that which is rightfully his is not good.
- 6 ¶ A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calls for strokes.
- 7 A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.
- 8 ¶ The words of a talebearer seem smooth, but they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.
- 9 ¶ He also that is negligent in his work is brother to him that is the great spendthrift.
- 10 ¶ The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous shall run into it, and be raised up.
- 11 ¶ The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city and as a high wall in his imagination.
- 12 ¶ Before being broken, the heart of man is haughty, and before coming into honour, *comes* being brought to humility.
- 13 ¶ *For* him that answers a word before he hears, it *is* folly and reproach unto him.
- 14 ¶ The spirit of man will bear his infirmity, but a broken spirit who can bear?
- 15 ¶ The heart of the man of understanding acquires wisdom, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- 16 ¶ A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men.

17 ¶ The *one who is* just is first in his cause, his adversary comes and seeks him out.

18 ¶ The lot causes contentions to cease and decides between the mighty.

19 ¶ A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city, and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

20 ¶ A man's belly shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth, *and* with the product of his lips shall he be filled.

21 ¶ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, and those that love it shall eat its fruit.

22 ¶ *Whosoever* found a wife found a good *thing* and has attained the favour of the LORD.

23 ¶ The poor uses intreaties, but the rich answer roughly.

24 ¶ The man *that has* friends must show himself to be a friend, and there is a friend *that* sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 19

1 ¶ Better is the poor that walks in his integrity than *he that is* perverse in his lips and is a fool.

2 ¶ *That* the soul *be* without wisdom is not good, and he that hastens with *his* feet sins.

3 ¶ The foolishness of man perverts his way, and his heart is wroth against the LORD.

4 ¶ Wealth makes many friends, but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

5 ¶ A false witness shall not go unpunished, and *he that* speaks lies shall not escape.

6 ¶ Many will intreat the favour of the prince, but every man *is* a friend to him that gives.

7 All the brethren of the poor hate him; how much more shall his friends separate themselves from him? He shall seek their friendship and not find it.

8 ¶ He that gets wisdom loves his own soul; he keeps intelligence that he might find that which is good.

9 ¶ The false witness shall not go unpunished, and *he that* speaks lies shall perish.

10 ¶ Delight is not suitable for a fool; much less for a slave to have rule over princes.

11 ¶ The discretion of a man defers his anger, and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 ¶ The king's wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion, but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass.

13 ¶ A foolish son *is* a pain unto his father, and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dripping.

14 ¶ House and riches *are* the inheritance from fathers, but the prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

15 ¶ Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep, and the negligent soul shall suffer hunger.

16 ¶ He that keeps the commandment keeps his own soul, *but* he that despises his ways shall die.

17 ¶ He that gives unto the poor lends unto the LORD, and he will give him his reward.

18 ¶ Chasten thy son while there is hope, but do not stir up thy soul to destroy him.

19 ¶ A man of great wrath shall suffer the consequences, for *even* if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must do it again.

20 ¶ Hear counsel, and receive chastening that thou may be wise in thy old age.

21 ¶ *There are* many thoughts in the heart of man; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD shall stand.

22 ¶ Contentment is unto men to show mercy, but *it is* better *to do it* unto the poor than to the liar.

23 ¶ The fear of the LORD *is* unto life, and *he that has it* shall live satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

24 ¶ The slothful *man* hides his hand in *his* bosom and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

25 ¶ Smite a scorner, and the simple will become prudent, and reproving one that has understanding, he will understand knowledge.

26 ¶ He that steals from his father *and* chases away *his* mother *is* a son that causes shame and brings reproach.

27 ¶ Cease, my son, to hear the teaching *that* induces one to deviate from the reasons of wisdom.

28 ¶ A witness of Belial shall scorn judgment, and the mouth of the wicked shall cover iniquity.

29 ¶ Judgments are prepared for scorners and stripes for the back of fools.

Proverbs 20

- 1 ¶ Wine *makes* a mocker, and beer a reveler, and whoever errs concerning them shall never be wise.
- 2 ¶ The fear of the king *is* as the roaring of a lion; *whoever* provokes him to anger sins *against* his own soul.
- 3 ¶ *It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife, but every fool will be meddling.
- 4 ¶ The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* he shall beg in harvest and *have* nothing.
- 5 ¶ Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water, but a man of intelligence will draw it out.
- 6 ¶ Most men will proclaim each one his own mercy, but who can find a man of truth?
- 7 ¶ The just *man* who walks in his integrity, blessed *shall be* his sons after him.
- 8 ¶ A king that sits in the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes.
- 9 ¶ Who shall be able to say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
- 10 ¶ Double weights *and* double measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD.
- 11 ¶ Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *is* pure and whether *it is* right.
- 12 ¶ The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the LORD has made both of them.
- 13 ¶ Do not love sleep lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.
- 14 ¶ It is bad, it is bad, the buyer says; but when he is gone his way, then he boasts.
- 15 ¶ There is gold and a multitude of precious stones, but the lips of wisdom are a precious vessel.
- 16 ¶ Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger, and take a pledge of him that is surety for a strange woman.

17 ¶ Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man, but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 ¶ *Every* thought must be ordered by counsel, and with intelligence war is made.

19 ¶ He that goes about *as* a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore meddle not with him that flatters with his lips.

20 ¶ Whosoever curses his father or his mother, his fire shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21 ¶ An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning, but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 ¶ Say not thou, I will take vengeance, *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

23 ¶ Double weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD, and a false balance *is* not good.

24 ¶ Man's steps *are* of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?

25 ¶ *It is* a snare unto man *to* devour *that which is* holy and afterward to reconsider his vows.

26 ¶ A wise king scatters the wicked and brings the wheel over them.

27 ¶ The spirit of man *is* the fire of the LORD, which searches the secrets of the inward parts.

28 ¶ Mercy and truth preserve the king, and his throne is upheld by mercy.

29 ¶ The glory of young men *is* their strength, and the beauty of old men *is* the gray head.

30 ¶ The scars of *past* wounds *are* medicine for evil, and living reproof reaches the most secret *places* in the inward parts.

Proverbs 21

- 1 ¶ The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water, he turns it wherever he will.
- 2 ¶ Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD weighs the hearts.
- 3 ¶ To do righteousness and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
- 4 ¶ A high look and a proud heart, *which is* the fire of the wicked, *is* sin.
- 5 ¶ The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness, but of every one *that is* too hasty, only to want.
- 6 ¶ The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of those that seek death.
- 7 ¶ The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them because they refuse to do judgment.
- 8 ¶ The way of the perverse man *is* crooked and strange, but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.
- 9 ¶ *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman in a wide house.
- 10 ¶ The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbour finds no favour in his eyes.
- 11 ¶ When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise, and *by* instructing the wise, he receives wisdom.
- 12 ¶ The righteous *man* wisely considers the house of the wicked, *how God* overthrows the wicked for *their* evil.
- 13 ¶ Whosoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself but shall not be heard.
- 14 ¶ A gift in secret pacifies anger, and a bribe in the bosom strong wrath.
- 15 ¶ *It is* joy to the just to do judgment, but *it shall be* destruction to the workers of iniquity.
- 16 ¶ The man that wanders out of the way of wisdom shall end up in the congregation of the dead.

17 ¶ He that loves pleasure *shall be* a poor man; he that loves wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 ¶ The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19 ¶ *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20 ¶ *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spends it up.

21 ¶ He that follows after righteousness and mercy shall find life, righteousness, and honour.

22 ¶ The wise *man* took the city of the mighty and cast down its strength in which it trusted.

23 ¶ Whosoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles.

24 ¶ Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who deals in proud wrath.

25 ¶ The desire of the slothful kills him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26 There is *one* who covets greedily all day long, but the righteous gives and keeps on giving.

27 ¶ The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination; how much more, *when* he brings it with lewdness?

28 ¶ The false witness shall perish, but the man that hears shall stand fast in his word.

29 ¶ The wicked man hardens his face, but *as for* the upright, he orders his ways.

30 ¶ *There is* no wisdom nor intelligence nor counsel against the LORD.

31 The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle, but salvation *is* of the LORD.

Proverbs 22

- 1 ¶ A *good* reputation *is* rather to be chosen than great riches *and* good grace rather than silver and gold.
- 2 ¶ The rich and poor meet together; the LORD *is* the maker of them all.
- 3 ¶ A prudent *man* foresees the evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and receive hurt.
- 4 ¶ Riches and honour and life *are* the remuneration of humility and of the fear of the LORD.
- 5 ¶ Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the perverse; he that keeps his soul shall be far from them.
- 6 ¶ Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- 7 ¶ The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower *is* slave to the lender.
- 8 ¶ He that sows iniquity shall reap iniquity, and the rod of his anger shall fail.
- 9 ¶ He that has a merciful eye shall be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the destitute.
- 10 ¶ Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; strife and reproach shall cease.
- 11 ¶ He that loves pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.
- 12 ¶ The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthrows the words of the transgressor.
- 13 ¶ The slothful *man* says, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.
- 14 ¶ The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit; he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.
- 15 ¶ Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child, *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
- 16 ¶ He that oppresses the poor to increase his *riches and* who gives to the rich *shall* surely *come* to want.

17 ¶ Bow down thine ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my wisdom.

18 For *it is* a delightful thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall be ordered together in thy lips.

19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

20 Have I not written unto thee three times in counsels and knowledge,

21 that I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth, that thou mightest answer the words of truth to those that send unto thee?

22 ¶ Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither destroy the destitute in judgment:

23 For the LORD will judge their cause and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

24 ¶ Do not meddle with an angry man, and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

25 Lest thou learn his ways and get a snare to thy soul.

26 ¶ Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands *or* of them that are sureties for debts.

27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should they take away thy bed from under thee?

28 ¶ Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

29 ¶ Seest thou a man diligent in his work? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before obscure *men*.

Proverbs 23

- 1 ¶ When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee;
- 2 and put a knife to thy throat if thou *art* a man given to appetite.
- 3 Do not be desirous of his dainties; for they *are* deceitful food.
- 4 ¶ Do not labour to be rich; cease from thine own wisdom.
- 5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon riches which are not? For they shall certainly make themselves wings; they shall fly away as an eagle toward heaven.
- 6 ¶ Do not eat the bread of *anyone who has* an evil eye, neither desire his dainty foods;
- 7 for as he thinks in his soul, so *is* he; Eat and drink, he shall say unto thee, but his heart *is* not with thee.
- 8 Didst thou eat thy part? Thou shalt vomit it up and lose thy sweet words.
- 9 ¶ Do not speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the prudence of thy words.
- 10 ¶ Do not remove the old landmark, and do not enter into the inheritance of the fatherless:
- 11 For their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall judge their cause against thee.
- 12 ¶ Apply thine heart unto chastening and thine ears to the words of wisdom.
- 13 Do not withhold correction from the child; for *if* thou shall beat him with the rod, he shall not die.
- 14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod and shalt deliver his soul from Sheol.
- 15 My son, if thy heart is wise, my heart shall also rejoice;
- 16 my kidneys shall also rejoice when thy lips speak right things.
- 17 ¶ Let not thy heart envy sinners, but *persevere* in the fear of the LORD all day long.
- 18 For surely there is an end, and thy hope shall not be cut off.
- 19 ¶ Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and straighten thy heart in the way.
- 20 Do not be among those who are drunk with wine; nor among gluttonous eaters of food;

21 for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty, and drowsiness shall cause them to wear rags.

22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth and sell *it* not, *also* wisdom and instruction and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice, and he that begets a wise *child* shall have joy with him.

25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bore thee shall rejoice.

26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

27 For a whore *is* a deep ditch and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit.

28 She also lies in wait as *for* a prey and increases the transgressors among men.

29 ¶ For who *shall be* the woe? for who *shall be* the woe? for who contention? for who quarrels? for who the wounds without cause? who shall have redness of eyes?

30 For those that tarry long at the wine; those that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Do not look upon the wine when it is red, when it gives its colour in the cup, it goes down smoothly.

32 At the last it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 *Yea*, thou shalt be as he that lies down in the midst of the sea or as he that sleeps at the rudder.

35 They have stricken me, *thou shalt say*, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt *it* not; when I shall awake, I will seek it yet again.

Proverbs 24

- 1 ¶ Do not be envious of evil men, neither desire to be with them.
- 2 For their heart studies robbery, and their lips speak evil.
- 3 ¶ Through wisdom the house shall be built, and with intelligence it shall be established:
- 4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and beautiful riches.
- 5 The wise man is strong; and the man of understanding is a mighty man of valour.
- 6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war, and in the multitude of counsellors there is saving health.
- 7 ¶ Wisdom, is too high for a fool; he shall not open his mouth in the gate.
- 8 He that devises to do evil shall be called a man of evil designs.
- 9 The thought of the foolish is sin, and the scorner is an abomination to men.
- 10 ¶ If thou art slack in the day of tribulation, thy strength shall be reduced.
- 11 ¶ If thou forbear to deliver *those that are* drawn unto death and *those that are* ready to be slain,
- 12 if thou should say, Behold, we knew it not; shall not he that weighs the hearts understand *it*? and he that keeps thy soul, does he *not* know *it*? and shall he *not* render to *every* man according to his works?
- 13 ¶ My son, eat of the honey, because *it is* good, and of the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy taste:
- 14 So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: if thou shalt find *it*, and in the end thy hope shall not be cut off.
- 15 ¶ Do not lay *in* wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous; do not spoil his resting place.
- 16 For a just *man* falls seven times and rises up again, but the wicked shall fall into evil.
- 17 ¶ Do not rejoice when thy enemy falls, and do not let thy heart be glad when he stumbles

18 lest the LORD see *it* and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 ¶ Do not meddle with those who are evil, neither be envious of the wicked;

20 for the evil *man* shall not come to a good end; the fire of the wicked shall be put out.

21 ¶ My son, fear the LORD and the king, *and* do not meddle with those that are given to change,

22 for their calamity shall rise suddenly; and the ruin of them both, who shall know it?

23 ¶ These *things* also *belong* to the wise. *It* is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the peoples curse, nations shall abhor him:

25 But unto those that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a blessing of good shall come upon them.

26 The lips of the one that gives a right answer shall be kissed.

27 ¶ Prepare thy work without and make it fit for thyself in thine inheritance, and afterwards thou shalt build thine house.

28 ¶ Do not be a false witness against thy neighbour, and do not flatter with thy lips.

29 Do not say, I will do unto him as he has done unto me; I will render to the man according to his work.

30 ¶ I went by the field of the slothful and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding,

31 and, behold, it was all grown over with thorns, *and* nettles had covered its face, and its stone wall was broken down.

32 Then I saw, *and* considered *it* well: I looked upon *it* *and* received chastening.

33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come *as* one that travels and thy want as an armed man.

Proverbs 25

1 ¶ These *are* also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2 ¶ *It is* the glory of God to conceal the word, but the honour of kings *is* to search out the word.

3 For the height of the heavens and depth of the earth and for the heart of kings, there is no investigation.

4 ¶ Take away the dross from the silver, and a vessel shall come forth for the finer.

5 Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

6 ¶ Do not praise thyself in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of great *men*;

7 for *it is* better that it be said unto thee, Come up here than that thou should be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

8 ¶ Do not go forth hastily to strive lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof when thy neighbour has put thee to shame.

9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself* and do not uncover the secret to another

10 lest he that hears *it* put thee to shame and thine infamy not turn away.

11 ¶ A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold inscribed with silver.

12 As an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* he who reproves a wise man who has a docile ear.

13 ¶ As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger to those that send him, for he refreshes the soul of his master.

14 ¶ Whosoever boasts in a gift of falsehood *is like* clouds and wind without rain.

15 ¶ By long forbearing a prince is persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks the bones.

16 ¶ Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 ¶ Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house lest he be weary of thee and so hate thee.

18 ¶ A man that bears false witness against his neighbour *is* a maul and a sword and a sharp arrow.

19 ¶ Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

20 ¶ As he that takes away a garment in cold weather *and as* vinegar upon soap, so *is* he that sings songs to a heavy heart.

21 ¶ If thy enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,

22 for thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

23 ¶ The north wind drives away rain, so *does* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

24 ¶ *It is* better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

25 ¶ As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so *is* good news from a far country.

26 ¶ A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is as* a troubled fountain and a corrupt spring.

27 ¶ *It is* not good to eat much honey, so *for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory.

28 ¶ The man whose spirit has no restraint *is like* a city *that is* broken down *and* without walls.

Proverbs 26

1 ¶ As snow in summer and as rain in harvest, so honour is not suited for a fool.

2 ¶ As the sparrow in its wandering, as the swallow in its flight, so the curse causeless shall never come.

3 ¶ A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

4 ¶ Never answer a fool according to his folly lest thou also be like unto him.

5 Answer the fool showing him his folly lest he be wise in his own conceit.

6 ¶ He that gives responsibility to one who is not able to carry it out *is like* him that sends a message by the hand of a fool, and he shall drink the damage.

7 Like unto the way that the *one who is* lame walks, so *is* a proverb in the mouth of the fool.

8 As he that binds the stone in the sling, so *is* he that gives honour to a fool.

9 As thorns sunk into the hand of one who is drunk, so *is* a proverb in the mouth of fools.

10 ¶ The great *God* that formed all *things* rewards both the fool and transgressors.

11 ¶ As a dog returns to his vomit, so the fool returns to his folly.

12 ¶ Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

13 ¶ The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the streets.

14 ¶ As the door turns upon his hinges, so *does* the slothful upon his bed.

15 ¶ The slothful hides his hand in *his* bosom; it grieves him to bring it again to his mouth.

16 ¶ The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can give *him* counsel.

17 ¶ He that passes by *and* meddles with strife not *belonging* to him *is like* one that takes a dog by the ears.

18 ¶ As a mad *man* who casts firebrands, arrows, and death,

19 so *is* the man *that* destroys his friend and says, Am I not in sport?

20 ¶ Where there is no wood, the fire goes out, so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceases.

21 Charcoal for burning coals and wood for fire, and a contentious man to kindle strife.

22 The words of a talebearer seem smooth, but they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

23 ¶ Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross.

24 ¶ He that hates dissembles with his lips and lays up deceit within him;

25 when he speaks fair, do not believe him, for *there are* seven abominations in his heart.

26 Even though his hatred is covered up in the desert, his wickedness shall be showed before the *whole* congregation.

27 ¶ Whosoever digs a pit shall fall therein, and he that rolls a stone, it will return upon him.

28 ¶ A lying tongue hates *those that are* afflicted by it, and a flattering mouth works ruin.

Proverbs 27

- 1 ¶ Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.
- 2 ¶ Let another man praise thee and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.
- 3 ¶ A stone *is* heavy and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath *is* heavier than them both.
- 4 Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* impetuous, but who *is* able to stand before envy?
- 5 ¶ Open rebuke *is* better than secret love.
- 6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.
- 7 ¶ The full soul loathes a honeycomb, but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.
- 8 ¶ As a bird that wanders from her nest, so *is* a man that wanders from his place.
- 9 ¶ Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart, so *does* the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.
- 10 Do not forsake thine own friend and thy father's friend, neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity, *for* better *is* a neighbour *that* *is* near than a brother far off.
- 11 ¶ My son, be wise and make my heart glad that I may answer him that reproaches me.
- 12 ¶ A prudent *man* foresees the evil *and* hides himself, *but* the simple pass on *and* are hurt by it.
- 13 ¶ Take his garment that is surety for a stranger and take a pledge of him that is surety for a strange woman.
- 14 ¶ He that blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.
- 15 ¶ A continual dripping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

16 Whosoever hides her hides the wind, because the oil in his right hand cries *out*.

17 ¶ Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

18 ¶ Whosoever keeps the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof, so he that waits on his master shall be honoured.

19 ¶ As in water face *corresponds* to face, so the heart of man to man.

20 ¶ Sheol and hell are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21 ¶ As the fining pot tries the silver and the furnace the gold; so the man is tried by the mouth of whoever praises him.

22 ¶ Though thou should bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, *yet* his foolishness will not depart from him.

23 ¶ Be thou diligent to know the countenance of thy sheep, *and* put thy heart into thy herds.

24 For riches *are* not for ever, and does the crown *endure* to every generation?

25 The tender grass shows itself, and the hay appears, and the herbs of the mountains are reaped.

26 The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* for the price of the field.

27 And *thou shalt have* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and *for* the maintenance of thy maidens.

Proverbs 28

- 1 ¶ The wicked flee when no man pursues, but the righteous are bold as *a* young lion.
- 2 ¶ By the rebellion of the land, many *are* its princes, but by the man of understanding *and* wisdom the *land* shall remain stable.
- 3 ¶ A poor man that oppresses the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which leaves no food.
- 4 ¶ Those that forsake the law praise the wicked, but such as keep the law contend with them.
- 5 ¶ Evil men do not understand judgment, but those that seek the LORD understand all *things*.
- 6 ¶ Better *is* the poor that walks in his perfection than *he that is* perverse in *his* ways, though he *is* rich.
- 7 ¶ Whosoever keeps the law *is* a wise son, but he that is a companion of gluttons shames his father.
- 8 ¶ He that by usury and unjust gain increases his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.
- 9 ¶ He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.
- 10 ¶ Whosoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit, but the perfect shall inherit *every good thing*.
- 11 ¶ The rich man *is* wise in his own conceit, but the poor that has understanding is wiser than he.
- 12 ¶ When the righteous rejoice, *there is* great glory, but when the wicked rise, the sane man hides himself.
- 13 ¶ He that covers his sins shall not prosper, but whosoever confesses and forsakes *them* shall attain mercy.
- 14 ¶ Blessed *is* the man that fears *God* always, but he that hardens his heart shall fall into evil.
- 15 ¶ As a roaring lion and a hungry bear, *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor people.

16 ¶ The prince void of intelligence *is* also a great oppressor, *but* he that hates covetousness shall prolong *his* days.

17 ¶ A man that does violence to the blood of *any* person shall flee all the way to the grave, and no one shall sustain him.

18 ¶ Whosoever walks in integrity shall be saved, but *he that is* perverse *in his* ways shall fall into one of them.

19 ¶ He that tills his land shall be filled with bread, but he that follows after vain *persons* shall be filled with poverty.

20 ¶ The man of truth shall abound with blessings, but he that makes haste to be rich shall not be absolved.

21 ¶ To have respect of persons *in judgment* is not good; even for a piece of bread, man will transgress.

22 ¶ He that hastens to be rich *has* an evil eye and does not consider that poverty shall come upon him.

23 ¶ He that rebukes a man, afterwards shall find more favour than he that flatters with the tongue.

24 ¶ Whosoever robs his father or his mother and says, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the companion of the destroyer.

25 ¶ He that is of a proud heart stirs up strife, but he that puts his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

26 ¶ He that trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whosoever walks in wisdom, he shall be saved.

27 ¶ He that gives unto the poor shall never lack, but he that hides his eyes *from the poor* shall have many a curse.

28 ¶ When the wicked rise, sane men hide themselves; but when they perish, the righteous multiply.

Proverbs 29

- 1 ¶ He that being often reprov'd hardens *his* neck shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy.
- 2 ¶ When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn.
- 3 ¶ Whosoever loves wisdom causes his father to rejoice, but he that maintains harlots shall lose *his* inheritance.
- 4 ¶ The king by judgment establishes the land, but he that receives gifts shall overthrow it.
- 5 ¶ The man that flatters his neighbour spreads a net for his feet.
- 6 ¶ In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare, but the righteous shall sing and rejoice.
- 7 ¶ The righteous considers the cause of the poor, *but* the wicked does not understand wisdom.
- 8 ¶ Scornful men bring a city into a snare, but wise *men* turn away wrath.
- 9 ¶ *If* a wise man contends with a foolish man, whether he rages or laughs, *there is* no rest.
- 10 ¶ The bloodthirsty hate the perfect, but the just seek his soul.
- 11 ¶ The fool gives full rein to his spirit, but the wise *man* in the end will bring it into rest.
- 12 ¶ Of the ruler who hearkens unto the lying word, all his ministers *are* evil.
- 13 ¶ The poor and the usurer meet together; the LORD lightens both their eyes.
- 14 ¶ The king that judges the poor with truth, his throne shall be established for ever.
- 15 ¶ The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left *to himself* shall bring his mother to shame.
- 16 ¶ When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increases, but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 ¶ Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 ¶ Without *prophetic* vision, the people shall perish, but he that keeps the law is blessed.

19 ¶ A slave will not be corrected by words, for though he understands he will not obey.

20 ¶ Seest thou a man *that is* hasty in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

21 ¶ He that gives freely unto his slave from a child shall have him become *his* son in the end.

22 ¶ The angry man stirs up strife, and the furious man abounds in transgression.

23 ¶ A man's pride shall bring him low, but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

24 ¶ Whosoever is partner with a thief hates his own soul; he hears cursing, and does not disclose *it*.

25 ¶ The fear of man brings a snare, but whosoever puts his trust in the LORD shall be lifted up.

26 ¶ Many seek the ruler's favour, but *each* man's judgment *comes* from the LORD.

27 ¶ An unjust man *is* an abomination to the just, and *he that is* upright in the way *is* abomination to the wicked.

Proverbs 30

1 ¶ The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, *even* the prophecy: the man spoke unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,

2 Surely I *am* more carnal than *any* man and have not the understanding of a man.

3 I neither learned wisdom nor have the knowledge of the holy.

4 Who has ascended up into heaven, or descended? who has gathered the wind in his fists? who has bound the waters in a garment? who has established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his son's name, if thou canst tell?

5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto those that put their trust in him.

6 Do not add unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

7 ¶ Two *things* have I required of thee; do not deny me *them* before I die:

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the bread of my judgment:

9 Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and blaspheme the name of my God.

10 ¶ Do not accuse a slave in the presence of his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

11 *There is* a generation *that* curses their father, and does not bless their mother.

12 *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness.

13 *There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

14 *There is* a generation, whose teeth *are as* swords, and their molars *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the destitute from *among* men.

15 ¶ The horseleach has two daughters, *which are called*, Give, give. There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea*, four *things* say not, *It is* enough:

16 Sheol; and the barren womb; the earth *that* is not filled with water; and the fire *that* never says, *It is enough*.

17 The eye *that* mocks at *his* father, and despises the teaching of *his* mother, the ravens shall pluck it out of the river, and the young eagles shall eat it.

18 ¶ There are three *things which* are hidden from me, *yea*, four which I know not:

19 The track of the eagle in the air; the track of the serpent upon the rock; the track of the ship in the midst of the sea; and the track of the man in the maid.

20 Such is the track of an adulterous woman; she eats, and wipes her mouth, and says, I have done no wickedness.

21 For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and the fourth it cannot bear:

22 For a slave when he reigns; and a fool when he is filled with bread;

23 for a rejected *woman* when she is married; and a handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

24 ¶ There are four *things which are* little upon the earth, but they *are* wiser than the wise men:

25 The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their food in the summer;

26 the conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet they make their houses in the rocks;

27 the locusts have no king, yet all of them go forth by bands;

28 the spider takes hold with her hands and is in kings' palaces.

29 ¶ There are three *things* which have a magnificent walk; *yea*, the fourth is stately in going:

30 The lion *which is* strongest among beasts and does not turn away for any;

31 *the greyhound* who is girded up of loins; a he goat also, and the king, against whom no one rises up.

32 If thou hast fallen, it is because thou hast lifted thyself up; and if thou hast thought evil, *lay* thine hand upon thy mouth.

33 Surely the churning of milk brings forth butter and the wringing of the nose brings forth blood; so the forcing of wrath brings forth strife.

Proverbs 31

1 ¶ The words of King Lemuel, the prophecy with which his mother taught him.

2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

3 Do not give thy strength nor thy ways unto the women who destroy kings.

4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor is beer for princes

5 lest they drink and forget the law and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

6 Give beer unto him that is ready to perish and wine unto those that have heavy hearts.

7 They drink and forget their need and remember their misery no more.

8 Open thy mouth for those who cannot speak in the judgment of all the sons of death.

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and destitute.

10 ¶ *Aleph* Who can find a valiant woman? for her price *is* far above precious stones.

11 *Beth* The heart of her husband safely trusts in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 *Gimel* She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 *Daleth* She sought wool and flax and worked willingly with her hands.

14 *He* She was like the merchants' ships; she brings her food from afar.

15 *Vau* She rose up even at night and gave food to her family and a portion to her maidens.

16 *Zain* She considered the inheritance and bought it; with the fruit of her hands she planted a vineyard.

17 *Cheth* She girded her loins with strength and strengthened her arms.

18 *Teth* She perceived that her merchandise *was* good; her fire did not go out by night.

19 *Jod* She laid her hands to the spindle, and her hands held the distaff.

20 *Caph* She stretched out her hand to the poor; *yea*, she reached forth her hands to the destitute.

21 *Lamed* She shall not be afraid of the snow for her family, for all her family *is* clothed with double garments.

22 *Mem* She makes herself tapestries; her clothing *is* of fine linen and purple.

23 *Nun* Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.

24 *Samech* She made fine linen and sold *it* and delivered girdles unto the merchant.

25 *Ain* Strength and glory *is* her clothing, and she shall laugh in the last day.

26 *Pe* She opened her mouth with wisdom, and the law of mercy *is* upon her tongue.

27 *Tzaddi* She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat bread in idleness.

28 *Koph* Her sons rose up and called her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praised her.

29 *Resh* Many daughters have done valiantly, but thou dost excel them all.

30 *Schin* Grace *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain, *but* the woman that fears the LORD shall be praised.

31 *Tau* Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Ecclesiastes

or the Preacher (of Solomon)

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Ecclesiastes 1

- 1 ¶ The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
- 2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all *is* vanity.
- 3 What profit does a man have of all his labour which he takes under the sun?
- 4 ¶ *One* generation passes away, and *another* generation comes, but the earth abides for ever.
- 5 The sun arises, and the sun goes down, and with desire returns to his place from which he arises again.
- 6 The wind goes toward the south and turns about unto the north; it whirls about continually, and the wind returns again according to its circuits.
- 7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea *is* not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, there they return again.
- 8 All things *are* full of labour; more *than* man can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing nor the ear filled with hearing.
- 9 ¶ The thing that has been, it *is that* which shall be; and that which is done *is* that which shall be done; and *there is* no new *thing* under the sun.
- 10 Is there *any* thing of which it may be said, See, this *is* new? it has been already of old time which was before us.
- 11 *There is* no remembrance of former *things*; neither shall there be *any* remembrance of *things* that are to come with *those* that shall come after.
- 12 ¶ I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven (this sore travail God has given to the sons of man that they be occupied in it).

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

15 *That which is* crooked cannot be made straight, and that which is lacking cannot be numbered.

16 I communed with my own heart, saying, Behold, I am come to great estate and have gotten more wisdom than all *those* that have been before me in Jerusalem; and my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom and knowledge and to know folly and *those who are* mad; I learned *in the end* that this also is vexation of spirit.

18 For in much wisdom *is* much grief, and he that increases knowledge increases sorrow.

Ecclesiastes 2

1 ¶ I said in my heart, Come now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy good things; and, behold, this also *is* vanity.

2 I said of laughter, *It is* mad, and of mirth, What does it do?

3 I proposed in my heart to regale my flesh with wine and that my heart would walk in wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, until I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

4 I made myself great works; I built myself houses; I planted myself vineyards;

5 I made myself gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits;

6 I made myself pools of water, to water with them the forest that brings forth trees;

7 I got *myself* slaves and maidens and had sons born in my house; also I had great possessions of cattle and sheep above all that were in Jerusalem before me;

8 I gathered *unto* myself also silver and gold and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces; I obtained men singers and women singers and *all* the delights of the sons of men, musical instruments, and those of all sorts.

9 So I was great and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem, and more than that, my wisdom remained with me.

10 And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour, and this was my portion of all my labour.

11 At last I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought and on the labour that I had laboured to do; and, behold, all *was* vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was* no profit under the sun.

12 ¶ And I turned myself to behold wisdom and those *who are* mad, and folly; for what *can* the man *do* that comes after the king? *even* that which has already been done.

13 And I have seen that wisdom excels folly as far as light excels darkness.

14 The wise man *has* his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness: And I myself also understood that one event happens to the one and to the other.

15 *Then* I said in my heart, As it shall happen to the fool, so it shall happen even to me. Why have I worked until now to make myself wiser? Then I said in my heart that this also *is* vanity.

16 For *there is* no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever, seeing that which now *is* in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And also the wise *man* shall die the same as the fool.

17 ¶ *Therefore* I hated life because *every* work that is wrought under the sun *was* grievous unto me; for all *was* vanity and vexation of spirit.

18 *Yea*, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun, which I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

19 And who knows whether he shall be a wise *man* or a fool, he who shall have rule over all my labour in which I have laboured and in which I have showed myself wise under the sun? This *is* also vanity.

20 Therefore my heart began to despair again regarding all the labour which I took under the sun.

21 That the man who worked with wisdom and with knowledge and with uprightness would have to leave his portion to a man that has not laboured therein. This also *is* vanity and a great evil.

22 For what does man have of all his labour and of the vexation of his heart in which he has laboured under the sun?

23 For all his days *are only* sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart does not take rest in the night. This is also vanity.

24 *There is* nothing better for a man *than* that he should eat and drink and *that* he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. I also have seen that this *is* from the hand of God.

25 For who can eat, or who can care for himself better than I?

26 For God gives to the man that *is* good in *his* sight wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he gives travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to the one that is good before *God*. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

Ecclesiastes 3

1 ¶ For all things *there is* a season, and every will under the heaven *has its* time *determined*.

2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted;

3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

7 a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

9 What profit does the one that works have in that in which he labours?

10 I have seen the travail which God has given to the sons of men that they may be occupied in it.

11 ¶ He has made every *thing* beautiful in his time: even the world he has given over to their will, *in such a way* that no man can attain to this work that God makes from the beginning to the end.

12 I have learned that *there is* nothing better for them, but to rejoice and to do good in his life.

13 And also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labour; *it is* the gift of God.

14 I have understood that whatever God does, it shall be for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor any thing taken from it because God does *it* that *men* should fear before him.

15 That which has been is now, and that which is to be has already been and God shall seek that which is past.

16 ¶ And moreover I saw under the sun *that* instead of judgment, there was wickedness; and instead of righteousness, *that* iniquity was there.

17 I said in my heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked; for *there is* a time determined *to judge* every will and regarding everything that is done.

18 I said in my heart concerning the estate of the sons of men that God might manifest them and that they might see that they themselves *are* beasts one to another.

19 For that which befalls the sons of men befalls beasts; even one thing befalls them: as the one dies, so dies the other; and they all have one breath; so that a man has no more *breath* than a beast: for all *is* vanity.

20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all shall turn to dust again.

21 Who knows that the spirit of the sons of men goes upward and that the spirit of the beast goes downward to the earth?

22 Therefore I perceive that *there is* nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that *is* his portion; for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

Ecclesiastes 4

1 ¶ So I returned and considered all the violence that is done under the sun and behold the tears of *such as are* oppressed, and they have no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors *there was* power; but the *oppressed* had no comforter.

2 Therefore I praised the dead who are already dead more than the living who are yet alive.

3 And *I thought that* better is *he* than both of them who has not yet been, who has not seen the evil works that are done under the sun.

4 ¶ Again, I considered all travail and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

5 The fool folds his hands together and eats his own flesh.

6 Better is a handful *with* rest than both the hands full *with* travail and vexation of spirit.

7 ¶ Then I returned, and I saw *another* vanity under the sun.

8 It is the *man* who is alone, without a successor, who has neither son nor brother; yet *is there* no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither *saith he*, For whom do I labour and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity and sore travail.

9 Two *are* better than one because they have a better reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him *that is* alone when he falls, for *he has* not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two sleep together, then they have heat, but how can one be warm *alone*?

12 And if one prevails against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 ¶ Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king who will no longer be admonished.

14 For he came out of prison to reign, even though he was born poor into his kingdom.

15 I saw all the living who are under the sun walking with the child, the successor that shall stand up in his stead.

16 *There is* no end of all the people that have been before them; those also that come after shall not be content in him. Surely this also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

Ecclesiastes 5

1 ¶ Watch thy feet when thou goest to the house of God and draw near *with* more *willingness* to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know how to do what *God* wants.

2 Do not be rash with thy mouth and do not let thy heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God, for God *is* in heaven and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few.

3 For *out* of much preoccupation comes the dream, and the voice of the fool *out* of a multitude of words.

4 ¶ When thou dost vow a vow unto God, do not defer to pay it; for *he has* no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 *It is* better that thou should not vow than that thou should vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it *was* ignorance. Why *should thou cause* God to be angry because of thy voice and destroy the work of thine hands?

7 Because dreams abound, and vanities and the words are many, but fear thou God.

8 If thou seest violence unto the poor and *the* extortion of rights and justice in a province, do not marvel at the matter, for height is looking upon height; and *there is* one higher than they.

9 ¶ And there is higher *authority* in all of the things of the earth, *but* he who serves the field is king.

10 He that loves money shall not be satisfied with money; nor he that loves abundance with increase; this *is* also vanity.

11 When goods increase, those that eat them are increased; and what good *is there* to the owners thereof, except the beholding *of them* with their eyes?

12 The sleep of the servant *is* sweet whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

13 There is *another* sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt;

14 which are lost by evil pursuits and to the sons which he has begotten; *there is* nothing left in his hand.

15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

16 And this also *is* a sore evil; *that* in all points as he came, so shall he go; and what profit has he that has laboured for the wind?

17 In addition to this, all the days of his life he shall eat in darkness, with much wrath and pain and sorrow sickness.

18 ¶ Behold therefore the good which I have seen: that good is to eat and to drink and to enjoy of the good of all his labour that he takes under the sun all the days of his life, which God gives him; for it *is* his portion.

19 Likewise, unto every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, he has also given him power to eat thereof and to take his portion and to rejoice in his labour; this *is* the gift of God.

20 To such a one, God will remove the concerns common *to others*, for God shall answer *him* with joy from his heart.

Ecclesiastes 6

1 ¶ There is *another* evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is very common among men:

2 A man to whom God has given riches, wealth, and honour so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to eat of it, but the strangers eat it; this *is* vanity, and it *is* an evil disease.

3 If a man begets a hundred *sons* and lives many years so that the days of his years are many, if his soul is not filled with good and also *that* he have no burial; I say *that* an aborted birth *is* better than he.

4 For he came in vain and departs unto darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.

5 Even though he has not seen the sun nor known *any thing*; this *one* has more rest than the other.

6 For though *the other should* live a thousand years twice and has not enjoyed good; both shall surely go to the same place.

7 ¶ All the labour of man *is* for his mouth, and with all this the appetite is not filled.

8 For what has the wise more than the fool? what *more has* the poor that knows how to walk among the living?

9 It is better to enjoy the good that is present than the wandering of desire; this *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit.

10 He that is has been named already; and it is known that he *is* man and that he shall not be able to contend with him that is mightier than he.

11 ¶ Certainly the many words multiply vanity, what more does man have?

12 For who knows what *is* good for man in *this* life, all the days of the life of his vanity which he causes *to be* as a shadow? for who shall teach the man what shall be after him under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 7

1 ¶ A good name *is* better than precious ointment and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

2 *It is* better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that *is* the end of all men; and the living will lay *it* to his heart.

3 Sorrow *is* better than laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made whole.

4 The heart of the wise *is* in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools *is* in the house of pleasure.

5 *It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools.

6 The laughter of the fool *is* as the crackling of thorns under a pot, and this *also* (*the laughter or prosperity of the fool*) *is* vanity.

7 ¶ Surely oppression makes a wise man mad, and a gift destroys the heart.

8 Better *is* the end of a thing than its beginning, *and* he who has suffered in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.

9 Do not be hasty in thy spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools.

10 Never say, What is *the cause* that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.

11 ¶ Knowledge *is* good with an inheritance and *is* the excellency of those that see the sun.

12 For knowledge *is* a defence, *and* money *is* a defence; but wisdom excels in *that* it gives life to those that have it.

13 Consider the work of God; for who can make straight that which *he* has twisted?

14 In the day of good enjoy that which is good, but in the day of adversity open your *eyes and learn*: God also has made the one (*the day of adversity*) before the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

15 All *things* have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just *man* that perishes for his righteousness, and there is a wicked *man* that prolongs *his days* by his wickedness.

16 Do not be too legalistic; neither make thyself over wise *in thine own eyes*: why should thou destroy thyself?

17 Do not be hasty *to* condemn, neither be thou foolish: why should thou die in the midst of thy labours?

18 *It is* good that thou should take hold of this; and also from the other not withdraw thy hand; for he that fears God shall come through with everything.

19 Wisdom strengthens the wise more than ten mighty *men* who are in the city.

20 For surely *there is* not a just man upon earth that in doing good does not sin.

21 Also do not take to heart all the words that are spoken lest thou hear thy slave speak evil of thee:

22 For thine own heart knows that thou thyself likewise hast spoken evil of others many times.

23 ¶ All this I have proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise, but it *was* far from me.

24 That which has been is far off and that *which is* exceeding deep, who can find it out?

25 I applied my heart to know and to search and to seek out wisdom and the reason *of things*, and to know the wickedness of folly and the madness of error;

26 and I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart *is* snares and nets, *and* her hands *are* bonds; whosoever pleases God shall escape from her, but the sinner shall be held prisoner in her.

27 Behold, this I have found, saith the preacher, *weighing things* one by one to find out the answer,

28 which my soul yet seeks, but I find not: one man among a thousand I have found, but a woman among all those I have not found.

29 Behold, this only have I found: that God has made man upright, but they have sought out many perversions.

Ecclesiastes 8

1 ¶ Who *is* as the wise *man*? and who *is as* he who knows the interpretation of *all* things? The wisdom of *this* man shall make his face to shine, and the coarseness of his face shall be changed.

2 I *counsel thee* to keep the king's commandment and the word of the covenant *that thou hast made* with God.

3 Do not be hasty to rebel against him; do not persist in *any* evil thing, for he shall do whatsoever pleases him;

4 because the word of the king *is his* power and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

5 Whosoever keeps the commandment shall experience no evil thing, and a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment.

6 ¶ Because for every will there is time and judgment, because the evil of man *is* great upon him,

7 for he does not know that which shall be; nor when it shall be. Who will teach it to him?

8 *There is* no man that has power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *does he have* power over the day of death, and weapons are of no use in *that* war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

9 ¶ All this I have seen and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: the time in which one man rules over another to his own hurt.

10 Then I also saw that *the* wicked who were buried came into remembrance more than those who had frequented the holy place, and these were forgotten in the city where they had worked uprightly. This also *is* vanity.

11 Because *the* sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

12 Though a sinner does evil one hundred times and his *judgment* is prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with those that fear God, who fear before his presence;

13 but it shall never be well with the wicked, neither shall his days be prolonged, *which are* as a shadow, because he did not fear before the

presence of God.

14 ¶ There is *another* vanity which is done upon the earth: that there are just *men*, who are recompensed as if *they had done* according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked *men*, who are recompensed as if *they had done* according to the work of the righteous; I say that this also *is* vanity.

15 Therefore I commended joy because a man has no better thing under the sun than to eat and to drink and to be merry, for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God gives him under the sun.

16 Therefore I applied mine heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done upon the earth (for also *there is he that* neither day nor night sees sleep with his eyes).

17 And I have seen regarding all the works of God that man cannot attain *to understand* the work that is being done under the sun, because though a man labours to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find it; even though the wise *man* says that he knows *it*, yet he shall not be able to attain it.

Ecclesiastes 9

1 ¶ Certainly I applied my heart unto all of this that I might declare all of this: that the righteous and the wise and their works *are* in the hand of God; no man knows either love or hatred by all that *passes* before them.

2 All *things come* alike to all: *there is* one event to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean and to the unclean; to him that sacrifices and to him that does not sacrifice: as *unto* the good so *unto* the sinner; *and unto* him that swears as *unto him* that fears the oath.

3 This *is* an evil among all *things* that are done under the sun, that *there is* one event unto all; and also that the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness *is* in their heart while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.

4 ¶ For to him that is *still* among the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they shall die, but the dead do not know any thing; neither do they have any more reward, for their memory is placed into oblivion.

6 Even their love and their hatred and their envy is now perished; neither have they any more a portion in the age in any *thing* that is done under the sun.

7 Go, eat thy bread with joy and drink thy wine with a joyful heart that thy works might be acceptable unto God.

8 Thy garments shall always be white, and thy head shall never lack ointment.

9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou dost love all the days which thou art to live in this lake of vanity, which are given unto thee; all the days of thy vanity under the sun: for that *is* thy portion in *this* life, and in thy labour in which thou dost work under the sun.

10 Whatever thy hand finds to do, do *it* with *all* thy might, for *there is* no work nor device nor knowledge nor wisdom in Sheol, where thou goest.

11 ¶ I returned and saw under the sun that the race *is* not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of

prudence, nor yet grace to men of eloquence; but time and chance happens to them all.

12 For man also does not know his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net and as the birds that are caught in the snare, so *are* the sons of men snared in the evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them.

13 ¶ I have also seen this wisdom under the sun, which is important unto me:

14 *There was* a little city and few men within it; and a great king came against it and besieged it and built great bulwarks against it;

15 now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no one remembered that same poor man.

16 Then I said, Wisdom *is* better than strength: even though the poor man's knowledge *is* despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of wise *men are* heard in quiet more than the cry of him that rules among fools.

18 Wisdom *is* better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

Ecclesiastes 10

1 ¶ Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: likewise a small act of folly unto him *that is* esteemed for wisdom *and* honour.

2 A wise man's heart *is* at his right hand, but a fool's heart at his left.

3 Even when the fool walks by the way, he lacks prudence, and he says unto every one *that* he *is* a fool.

4 ¶ If the spirit of the ruler rises up against thee, do not leave thy place; for meekness pacifies great sins.

5 There is *another* evil *which* I have seen under the sun, as an error *which* proceeds from the ruler:

6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich are seated in *a* low place.

7 I saw slaves upon horses, and princes walking as slaves upon the earth.

8 He that digs a pit shall fall into it, and whosoever breaks a hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

9 Whosoever moves the stones shall have tribulation along with it, *and* he that cuts the firewood shall be endangered by it.

10 If the iron is blunt, and he does not whet the edge, *then he must* put forth more strength, but the advantages of wisdom excel.

11 If the serpent bites without being enchanted, then the babbler is no more.

12 ¶ The words from the mouth of the wise man *are* grace, but the lips of the fool will swallow up himself.

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth *is* foolishness, and the end of his talk *is* mischievous madness.

14 The fool multiplies words *and* says, Man cannot tell what shall be, and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

15 The labour of the foolish wearies all of them because they do not know how to go to the city.

16 ¶ Woe to thee, O land, when thy king *is* a child, and thy princes banquet in the morning!

17 Blessed *art* thou, O land, when thy king *is* the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season for strength, and not for drunkenness!

18 By much slothfulness the building decays, and through idleness of the hands *the rain* drips throughout the house.

19 The banquet is made for pleasure, and wine makes merry; but money answers all *things*.

20 Do not curse the king, not even in thy thought; and do not curse the rich even in the secret *place* of thy bedchamber; for the birds of the air shall carry the voice, and those who have wings shall tell the matter.

Ecclesiastes 11

- 1 ¶ Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.
- 2 Give a portion to seven and even to eight, for thou dost not know what evil shall come upon the earth.
- 3 If the clouds are full of rain, they shall empty *themselves* upon the earth; and if the tree falls toward the south or toward the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it shall remain.
- 4 He that observes the wind shall not sow, and he that regards the clouds shall not reap.
- 5 As thou dost not know what *is* the way of the spirit *nor* how the bones *grow* in the womb of her that is with child, even so thou dost not know the works of God who makes all.
- 6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, either this or that or whether they both *shall be* equally good.
- 7 ¶ Truly the light *is* sweet, and a pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the sun,
- 8 but if a man lives many years *and* rejoices in them all; yet if afterwards he remembers the days of darkness, for they shall be many, *he shall say* that everything that shall have happened to him *is* vanity.
- 9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth and walk in the ways of thine heart and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these *things* God will bring thee into judgment.
- 10 Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart and put away evil from thy flesh; for childhood and youth *are* vanity.

Ecclesiastes 12

1 ¶ Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth while the evil days do not come nor the years draw near when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

2 before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain:

3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble and the strong men shall bow themselves and the grinders cease *because* they are few and those that look out of the windows are darkened;

4 and the doors outside shall be shut because the voice of the grinder is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird and all the daughters of song shall be humbled;

5 *when* they shall also be afraid of *that which is* high, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and appetite shall fail: because man goes to the home of his age, and the mourners shall go about the streets;

6 before the silver chain is broken, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel is broken at the cistern;

7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was *before* and the spirit returns unto God who gave it.

8 ¶ Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all *is* vanity.

9 And the wiser the preacher became that much more did he teach wisdom to the people, causing them to listen and to search *things* out, and he composed many proverbs.

10 The preacher sought to find willing words and upright writings, *even* words of truth.

11 The words of the wise *are* as goads and as nails hammered into place, those of the teachers of the congregations, *who* are placed under one Shepherd.

12 My son, in addition to this, be admonished: of making many books *there is* no end, and much study *is* a weariness of the flesh.

13 ¶ The conclusion of the entire sermon is heard: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this *is* the whole *happiness* of man.

14 For God shall bring every work to judgment with every secret thing, whether *it is* good or whether *it is* evil.

The Book of
The Song (of Solomon)

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Song of Solomon 1

1 ¶ The song of songs, which *is* of Solomon.

2 ¶ Oh! if he would kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! for thy love *is* better than wine.

3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments (ointment poured forth *is* thy name), therefore have the virgins loved thee.

4 Draw me after thee, we will run. The king has brought me into his chambers; we will be glad and rejoice in thee; we will remember thy love more than the wine; the upright love thee.

5 I *am* dark, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, more desirable as the booths of Kedar, as the tents of Solomon.

6 Do not look upon me because I *am* dark because the sun has looked upon me; my mother's sons were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards, *but* I have not kept my own vineyard.

7 ¶ Tell me, O thou whom my soul loves, where thou dost feed, where thou dost make *thy flock* to rest at noon; for why did I have to be as a wanderer after the flocks of thy companions?

8 If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go forth, following the footprints of the flock and feed thy little female goats beside the booths of the shepherds.

9 I have compared thee, O my love, to a mare of the chariots of Pharaoh.

10 Thy cheeks are beautiful between the earrings, thy neck between the necklaces.

11 We will make thee earrings of gold with studs of silver.

12 ¶ While the king *was* on his couch, my spikenard gave forth its fragrance.

13 A bundle of myrrh *is* my wellbeloved unto me *that* rests between my breasts.

14 My beloved *is* unto me *as* a cluster of camphire {Heb. ransom} in the vineyards of Engedi.

15 Behold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes.

16 Behold, thou *art* fair, O my beloved, and pleasant; also our bed *has* flowers.

17 The beams of our house *are* cedar, *and* our rafters of fir.

Song of Solomon 2

- 1 ¶ I *am* the lily of the field {Heb. Sharon} *and* the rose of the valleys.
- 2 As the lily among thorns, so *is* my love among the virgins.
- 3 ¶ As the apple tree among the trees of the wild, so *is* my beloved among the sons. *I* desired to *sit* under his shadow, and his fruit *was* sweet to my taste.
- 4 He brought me to the wine chamber and placed his banner of love over me.
- 5 Sustain me with flagons *of wine*, strengthen me with apples; for I *am* sick with love.
- 6 His left hand *is* under my head, and his right hand embraces me.
- 7 I charge you, O ye virgins of Jerusalem, by the roes and by the hinds of the field that ye not awake nor stir up love, until he pleases.
- 8 ¶ The voice of my beloved! behold, he comes leaping over the mountains, skipping over the hills.
- 9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart; behold, he stands behind our wall; he looks through the windows, blossoming through the lattice.
- 10 My beloved spoke and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
- 11 For, behold, the winter is past; the rain is over *and* gone;
- 12 the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the song is come, and the voice of the turtle *dove* has been heard in our land;
- 13 the fig tree has put forth her *green* figs, and the vines in blossom have given forth *their* fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
- 14 ¶ O my dove, *that art* in the clefts of the rock, in the secret *places* of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet *is* thy voice, and thy countenance *is* beautiful.
- 15 Hunt the foxes *for* us, the little foxes, that spoil the vines; for our vines *are* in blossom.
- 16 My beloved *is* mine, and I *am* his; he feeds among the lilies.

17 Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away, return, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.

Song of Solomon 3

1 ¶ By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but I did not find him.

2 I will rise now and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but I did not find him.

3 The watchmen that go about the city found me, *to whom I said*, Have ye seen him whom my soul loves?

4 *It was* but a little that I passed from them that I found him whom my soul loves: I held him and would not let him go until I had brought him into my mother's house and into the chamber of her that brought me into the light.

5 I charge you, O ye virgins of Jerusalem, by the roes and by the hinds of the field, that ye not awake nor stir up love, until he pleases.

6 ¶ Who *is* she that rises out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense and with all *the* aromatic powders?

7 ¶ Behold *it* is the bed of Solomon; sixty valiant men *are* about it of the valiant of Israel.

8 They all hold swords, *being* expert in war; each one *has* his sword upon his thigh because of the fears of the night.

9 King Solomon made himself a palanquin of the wood of Lebanon.

10 He made its pillars *of* silver, the bottom of it *of* gold, the covering of it *of* purple, its interior being paved *with* love, for the virgins of Jerusalem.

11 Go forth, O ye virgins of Zion, and behold King Solomon with the crown with which his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

Song of Solomon 4

1 ¶ Behold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes within thy locks; thy hair *is* as a flock of goats that appear from Mount Gilead.

2 Thy teeth *are* like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; of which every one bear twins, and none *is* barren among them.

3 Thy lips *are* like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech *is* lovely; thy temples *are* like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

4 Thy neck *is* like the tower of David built for teaching, upon which there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

5 Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes that are twins, which are fed among the lilies.

6 Until the day breaks, and the shadows flee away, *I* will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense.

7 Thou *art* all fair, my love; *there is* no spot in thee.

8 ¶ With me from Lebanon, *my* spouse, thou shalt come with me from Lebanon; thou shalt look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

9 Thou hast taken hold of my heart, my sister, *my* spouse; thou hast imprisoned my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

10 How fair is thy love, my sister, *my* spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!

11 Thy lips, O *my* spouse, drip *as* the honeycomb; honey and milk *are* under thy tongue, and the smell of thy garments *is* like the smell of Lebanon.

12 A closed garden *is* my sister, *my* spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

13 Thy *newly budded* plants *are* a paradise of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, {Heb. ransom} with spikenard,

14 spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

15 ¶ A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, that flow from Lebanon.

16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden *that* the aroma *of its spices* may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his sweet fruits.

Song of Solomon 5

1 ¶ I came into my garden, my sister, *my* spouse: I have gathered my myrrh and my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey; I have drunk my wine and my milk: eat, O friends; drink, beloved, drink abundantly.

2 ¶ I sleep, but my heart watches *for* the voice of my beloved that knocks *at the door*, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect *one*: for my head is filled with dew, *and* my locks with the drops of the night.

3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole *of the door*, and my bowels were moved for him.

5 I rose up to open to my beloved, and my hands dripped *with* myrrh, and my fingers *with* sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.

6 I opened to my beloved, but my beloved had withdrawn himself *and* was gone; my soul went after his speech; I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

7 The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my outer cloak from me.

8 I charge you, O virgins of Jerusalem, if ye should find my beloved that ye cause him to know how sick I am with love.

9 ¶ What *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, O thou fairest among women? What *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved that thou dost so charge us?

10 My beloved *is* white and ruddy; the standard-bearer among *the* ten thousands.

11 His head *is as* the most fine gold, his locks *are* bushy *and* black as a raven.

12 His eyes *are* as doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, as doves that are next to abundance.

13 His cheeks *are* as a bed of aromatic spices, *as* fragrant flowers; his lips *like* lilies, dripping sweet smelling myrrh that transcends.

14 His hands *are as* gold rings set with beryls; his belly *is as* bright ivory overlaid *with* sapphires.

15 His legs *are as* pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold; his countenance *is as* Lebanon, chosen as the cedars.

16 His mouth *is* most sweet; he *is* altogether lovely. This *is* my beloved, and this *is* my friend, O virgins of Jerusalem.

Song of Solomon 6

1 ¶ Where has thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? where didst thy beloved separate himself? that we may seek him with thee.

2 My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather the lilies.

3 I *am* my beloved's, and my beloved *is* mine; he feeds among the lilies.

4 ¶ Thou *art* beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, as desirable as Jerusalem, imposing as the standard-bearer *of the army*.

5 Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me; thy hair *is* as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead.

6 Thy teeth *are* as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, of which every one bears twins, and *there is* not one barren among them.

7 As slices of pomegranate *are* thy temples within thy locks.

8 There are sixty queens, and eighty concubines, and virgins without number.

9 My dove is *but* one, my perfect *one*; she *is* the *only* one of her mother, she *is* the choice *one* of her that brought her into the light. The virgins saw her and called her blessed; *yea*, the queens and the concubines and they praised her.

10 Who *is* she *that* shows herself forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, *and* imposing as the standard-bearer *of the army*?

11 ¶ I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, *and* to see whether the vines flourished, *and* the pomegranates budded.

12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me return *like* the chariots of Amminadib.

13 Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? *She shall be* as a multitude of tabernacles.

Song of Solomon 7

1 ¶ How beautiful are thy feet in *thy* shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs *are* like jewels, the work of the hands of an *excellent* workman.

2 Thy navel *is like* a round goblet, *which* does not lack liquor; thy belly *is like* a heap of wheat set about with lilies.

3 Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes *that are* twins.

4 Thy neck *is* as a tower of ivory; thine eyes *like* the fishpools in Heshbon by the gate of Bathrabbim; thy nose *is* as the tower of Lebanon which looks toward Damascus.

5 Thine head upon thee *is* like scarlet, and the hair of thine head like the purple of the king hung in the galleries.

6 How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!

7 This, thy stature is like unto the palm tree, and thy breasts to the clusters.

8 I said, I will climb up the palm tree, I will take hold of the clusters thereof; now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine and the smell of thy nose like apples;

9 and thy palate like the best wine that goes into my beloved sweetly and causes the lips of those that are asleep to speak.

10 ¶ I *am* my beloved's, and with me he has his contentment.

11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

12 Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vines flourish, *whether* the tender flowers appear, if the pomegranates bud forth; there I will give thee my loves.

13 The mandrakes have given their fragrance, and at our gates *are* all manner of sweet *fruits*, new and old, *which* I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

Song of Solomon 8

1 ¶ O that thou *wert* as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! *when* I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; and I should not be despised.

2 I would lead thee *and* bring thee into my mother's house, that *thou* would instruct me; I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

3 His left hand *should be* under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.

4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye not awake nor stir up love until he pleases.

5 ¶ Who *is* she that comes up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I woke thee up under the apple tree; there thy mother had *birth* pains; there she had pains *that* brought thee into the light.

6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart as a sign upon thine arm; for love *is* strong as death; jealousy *is* hard as Sheol; the coals thereof *are* coals of fire, *which have a* most vehement flame.

7 The many waters cannot quench love, neither can the rivers drown it; if *a* man would give all the substance of his house for this love, it would certainly be despised.

8 ¶ We have a little sister, and she *still* has no breasts; what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?

9 If she *is* a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver; and if she *is* a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.

10 I *am* a wall, and my breasts like towers since I was in his eyes as the one that found peace.

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baalhamon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; for its fruit each one was to bring a thousand *pieces* of silver.

12 My vineyard, which *is* mine, *is* before me; the thousand *pieces* shall be thine, O Solomon, and two hundred for those that keep the fruit.

13 ¶ *Thou*, she that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice; cause me to hear *it*.

14 Run, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.

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Isaiah 1

1 ¶ The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in *the* days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 ¶ Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the LORD speaks, I have nourished and brought up sons, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib; *but* Israel does not know, my people do not have understanding.

4 O sinful nation, people laden with iniquity, generation of evildoers, corrupt sons! They have forsaken the LORD; they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger; they have turned back.

5 Why should I chastise you any more? Ye will revolt more and more; every head is sick, and every heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in him; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

7 Your country *is* desolate; your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

9 Except the LORD of the hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

10 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, ye princes of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

11 To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? shall the LORD say. I am full of the burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; and I do not delight in the blood of bullocks or of lambs or of he goats.

12 When ye come to appear before me, who has required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

13 Bring no more vain oblations; the incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot stand them; iniquity and the solemn meeting.

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*.

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; likewise, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood.

16 ¶ Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil;

17 learn to do good; seek judgment; restore unto the oppressed; hear the fatherless in right *judgment*; protect the widow.

18 Then come, shall the LORD say, and we shall be even; if your sins were as scarlet, they shall be made as white as snow; if they were red like crimson, they shall become as wool.

19 If ye are willing and hearken, ye shall eat the good of the land;

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken *it*.

21 ¶ How is the faithful city become a harlot! It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers.

22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

23 Thy princes *are* rebellious and companions of thieves; every one loves bribes and follows after rewards; they do not hear the fatherless in

judgment, neither does the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of the hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease myself of my adversaries and avenge myself of my enemies;

25 and I will turn my hand upon thee and according to pureness purge away thy dross and take away all thy tin;

26 and I will restore thy judges as at the first and thy counsellors as at the beginning; afterward thou shalt be called The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27 Zion shall be ransomed with judgment and her converts with righteousness.

28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall be* together, and those that forsook the LORD shall be consumed.

29 For ye shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the groves that ye have chosen.

30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf falls and as a garden that has no water.

31 And the strong *idol* shall be as tow and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and no one *shall be able to* quench *them*.

Isaiah 2

1 ¶ The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And it shall come to pass in the last of the days *or times, that* the mountain of the LORD's house shall be confirmed as *the* head of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; and all the Gentiles shall flow unto it.

3 And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the Gentiles and shall rebuke many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

6 ¶ Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they are replenished from the east and *are* soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

7 Their land is full of silver and gold, neither *is there any* end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither *is there any* end of their chariots:

8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:

9 And the mean man bows down, and the great man humbles himself; therefore thou shalt not forgive them.

10 ¶ Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust from the terrible presence of the LORD and from the glory of his majesty.

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For the day of the LORD of the hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon *that are* high and lifted up and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

14 and upon all the high mountains and upon all the hills *that are* lifted up,

15 and upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,

16 and upon all the ships of Tarshish and upon all pleasant pictures.

17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

18 And he shall utterly abolish the idols.

19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks and into the caves of the earth, because of the terrible presence of the LORD and because of the glory of his majesty when he shall arise to smite the earth.

20 In that day man shall cast his idols of silver and his idols of gold (which they made *each one* for himself to worship) into the caves of the moles and of the bats,

21 to go into the clefts of the rocks and into the caverns of the cliffs from before the fearful presence of the LORD and from the glory of his majesty, when he shall arise to smite the earth.

22 Cease from man, whose breath *is* in his nostrils; for of what is he to be accounted of?

Isaiah 3

1 ¶ For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of the hosts, takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread and the whole stay of water,

2 *the* mighty man and *the* man of war, *the* judge and *the* prophet, the fortune-teller and *the* ancient,

3 *the* captain of fifty and *the* honourable man and *the* counsellor and *the* cunning artificer and *the* eloquent wise man.

4 And I will give children *to be* their princes, and young *fools* shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall do violence, one against another, and each one against his neighbour; the child shall rise up against the ancient and the base against the honourable.

6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and *let* this ruin *be* under thy hand;

7 in that day he shall swear, saying, I will not be a healer for in my house *is* neither bread nor clothing: do not make me a ruler of the people.

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen because their tongue and their doings *have been* against the LORD, to irritate the eyes of his majesty.

9 ¶ The appearance of their countenance witnesses against them, and they declare their sin as Sodom; they hide *it* not. Woe unto their soul! For they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

10 Say unto the righteous that *it shall be* well with *him*, for they shall eat of the fruit of their doings.

11 Woe unto the wicked! *It shall be* ill with *him*, for according to the work of his hands it shall be done unto him.

12 The oppressors of my people *are* many, and women rule over him. O my people, those who lead thee cause *thee* to err and twist the way of thy paths.

13 The LORD stands up to litigate and is *present* to judge the peoples.

14 The LORD will come with judgment against the elders of his people and against these his princes, for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the

poor *is* in your houses.

15 What do you mean *that* ye beat my people to pieces and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of the hosts.

16 ¶ Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and swaggering *as* they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

17 Therefore the Lord will make bare the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will uncover that which they are ashamed of.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the adornment of *their* shoes and *their* hair nets and *their* crystals,

19 the chains and the jewels and the bracelets,

20 the bonnets and the ornaments of the legs and the headbands and the powders and the earrings,

21 the rings, and nose jewels,

22 the changeable suits of apparel and the mantles and the veils and the crisping pins,

23 the *looking* glasses and the fine linen and the hoods and the hairdos.

24 And it shall come to pass *that* instead of sweet perfumes, there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent and instead of well-set hair baldness and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth *and* burning instead of beauty.

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.

26 Thy gates shall lament and mourn, and she *being* desolate shall sit upon the ground.

Isaiah 4

1 ¶ And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach.

2 ¶ In that day the branch of the LORD shall be for beauty and glory and the fruit of the earth for greatness and honour to those that are freed of Israel.

3 And it shall come to pass *that he that is* left in Zion and *he that* remains in Jerusalem shall be called holy, *even* every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem,

4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning.

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion and upon the places of her assemblies a cloud and darkness by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night because over all glory *there shall be a* covering.

6 And there shall be a covert for a shadow in the daytime from the heat and for a place of refuge and for a shelter from storm and from rain.

Isaiah 5

1 ¶ Now will I sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-beloved had a vineyard in the horn of the sons of oil;

2 and he had fenced it and gathered out the stones thereof and planted it with the choicest vine and built a tower in the midst of it and also made a winepress therein; and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Therefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?

5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down its wall, and it shall be trodden down:

6 And I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned, nor hoed; but briers and thorns shall come up there; I will even command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of the hosts *is* the house of Israel and every man of Judah his pleasant plant; and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

8 ¶ Woe unto those that join house to house, *that* lay field to field, until they have done away with the borders! Will ye dwell alone in the midst of the earth?

9 In my ears, the LORD of the hosts *said*, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, *even* great and fair, without inhabitant.

10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning *that* they may continue their drunkenness; that continue until night *until* wine inflames them!

12 And the harp and the viol, the tambourine and flutes and wine are in their feasts; but they do not regard the work of the LORD, nor consider the work

of his hands.

13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity because *they have* no knowledge; their glory died of hunger, and their multitude dried up of thirst.

14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged himself and opened his mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude descended into it and their pomp and he that rejoiced in him.

15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:

16 But the LORD of the hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God, that is holy, shall be sanctified with righteousness.

17 Then the lambs shall be fed after their manner, and strangers shall eat the fat ones that are forsaken.

18 ¶ Woe unto those that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope,

19 that say, Let him make speed *and* hasten his work that we may see *it*, and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come that we may know *it*!

20 Woe unto those that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe unto *those that are* wise in their own eyes and prudent in their own sight!

22 Woe unto *those that are* mighty to drink wine and men of strength to mingle strong drink;

23 who justify the wicked for bribes and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24 Therefore as the fire devours the stubble and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go away as dust because they have cast away the law of the LORD of the hosts and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he has stretched forth his hand against them and has smitten them; and the mountains trembled, and their carcasses *were* torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

26 And he will lift up a banner *as an example* to Gentiles that are far and will hiss unto those *that are* in the end of the earth; and behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:

27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken;

28 whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and the *wheels of their chariots* like a whirlwind;

29 their roaring *shall be* like a lion: they shall roar like young lions; they shall gnash their teeth and lay hold of the prey and shall carry *it* away safe, and none shall deliver *it*.

30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea; and if *one* looks unto the land, behold darkness *and* sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

Isaiah 6

1 ¶ In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 And one cried out unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of the hosts; the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 ¶ Then I said, Woe *is* me! for I am dead because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of the hosts.

6 Then one of the seraphim flew unto me, having a live coal in his hand *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid *it* upon my mouth and said, Behold, this has touched thy lips; and it shall take away thy guilt, and thy sin shall be cleansed.

8 After this, I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I answered, Here *am* I; send me.

9 ¶ Then he said, Go and tell this people, Hear indeed, but do not understand; and see indeed, but do not perceive.

10 Make the heart of this people fat and make their ears heavy and blind their eyes that they not see with their eyes, nor hear with their ears, nor understand with their heart, nor convert and *there be* healing for him.

11 And *I* said, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities are wasted without inhabitant and not a man in the houses, and the land is turned into desert,

12 until the LORD has removed men far away, and there is great solitude in the midst of the land.

13 But yet in it shall remain a tenth, and *it* shall return and shall be razed; as the tei tree and as the oak, of which the stump *remains alive* when they are cut down, *likewise in these* his stump shall remain holy seed.

Isaiah 7

1 ¶ And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

2 And it was told the house of David, saying Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved and the heart of his people as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

3 Then the LORD said unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the washer's field

4 and say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; do not fear, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have taken evil counsel against thee saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah and vex it, and let us divide it between us and set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Tabeal:

7 Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

8 For the head of Syria shall be Damascus, and the head of Damascus Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken, *and it shall never again be a people.*

9 In the meantime the head of Ephraim *shall be* Samaria, and the head of Samaria, Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

10 ¶ Moreover the LORD spoke again unto Ahaz, saying

11 Ask a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.

13 *Then said Isaiah,* Hear ye now, O house of David, *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel.

15 He shall eat butter and honey that he may know to refuse the evil and choose the good.

16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good; the land that thou dost abhor shall be forsaken of both her kings.

17 ¶ The LORD shall bring upon thee and upon thy people and upon thy father's house days that have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; *even* unto the king of Assyria.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall hiss for the fly that *is* in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt and for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.

19 And they shall come and all of them shall rest in the desolate valleys and in the holes of the rocks and upon all thorns and upon all bushes.

20 In the same day the Lord shall raze with a razor that is hired, *namely*, by them beyond the river by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet and it shall also consume the beard.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day *that* a man shall nourish a young cow and two sheep;

22 and it shall come to pass for the abundance of milk *that* they shall give, he shall eat butter; for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day that *in* the place where there were a thousand vines that were worth a thousand *shekels* of silver, it shall *even* be for the briers and for the thorns.

24 With arrows and with bows shall *men* come there because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

25 But the fear of briers and thorns shall not come unto all the hills that were dug with the hoe, but they shall be for pasture of oxen and for the treading of the lesser cattle.

Isaiah 8

1 ¶ Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take a great roll and write in it with a man's pen concerning Mahershalal-hashbaz. {Heb. Hurry to the spoil, make haste to the prey}

2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.

3 And I went unto the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz.

4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

5 The LORD also spoke unto me again, saying,

6 Forasmuch as this people refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly and rejoiced in Rezin and Remaliah's son,

7 now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria and all his power, and he shall come up over all his channels and go over all his banks:

8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach *even* to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

9 ¶ Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries, prepare yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand, for God *is* with us.

11 For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 Do not say, A confederacy, to all *those to* whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear their fear, nor be afraid.

13 Sanctify the LORD of the hosts himself; and *let him be* your fear, and *let him be* your dread.

14 Then he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock to cause a fall to both the houses of Israel, for a snare and for a net to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall stumble and fall and be broken and be snared and be taken.

16 ¶ Bind up the testimony; seal the law among my disciples.

17 And I will wait for the LORD, who hid his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of the hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion.

19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto spiritists and unto wizards that peep and that mutter; shall the people not seek unto their God? *Shall we appeal* for the living unto the dead?

20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

21 Then they shall pass through *this land*, fatigued and hungry, and it shall come to pass that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves and curse their king and their God. And raising their face high,

22 they shall look upon the earth and behold tribulation and gross darkness, darkness and anguish; and they shall be submerged in gross darkness.

Isaiah 9

1 ¶ Nevertheless *this* darkness *shall* not *be* the same as the affliction that came upon her when they lightly touched the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, nor afterward when they more grievously afflicted *her* by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; those that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined.

3 As thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast not increased the joy. They shall rejoice before thee as they rejoice in the harvest *and* as *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For thou hast broken his heavy yoke and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

5 For every battle of him who fights *is* with shaking *of the earth* and the rolling of garments in blood; but *this* shall be with burning *and* consuming of fire.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government is *placed* upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called The Wonderful *One*, The Counsellor, The God, The Mighty *One*, The Eternal Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 The multitude of *his* dominion and the peace shall have no end upon the throne of David and upon his Kingdom, ordering it and confirming it in judgment and in righteousness from now on even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of the hosts will perform this.

8 ¶ The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it has lighted upon Israel.

9 And all the people shall know, *even* Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in pride and arrogance of heart,

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones; the wild fig trees are cut down, but we will put cedars in their place.

11 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him and join his enemies together,

12 the Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his

hand *is* stretched out still.

13 But the people did not turn unto him that smote them, neither did they seek the LORD of the hosts.

14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.

15 The ancient and venerable to look upon is the head; the prophet that teaches lies, he is *the* tail.

16 For the governors of this people are deceivers, and those who are governed by them *are* lost.

17 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall he have mercy on their fatherless and widows, for every one *is* a hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

18 For wickedness burns as the fire, it shall devour the briers and thorns and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up *like* the lifting up of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of the hosts the land is darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire; no man shall spare his brother.

20 And he shall snatch on the right hand and be hungry, and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied; they shall eat each man the flesh of his own arm:

21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; *and* they together *shall be* against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

Isaiah 10

1 ¶ Woe unto those that establish unrighteous laws and that wilfully prescribe tyranny

2 to turn aside the poor from *right* judgment and to take away the right from the afflicted of my people that widows may be their prey and *that* they may rob the fatherless!

3 And what will ye do in the day of visitation and in the desolation *which* shall come from far? To whom will ye flee for help and where will ye leave your glory?

4 They shall bow down among the prisoners, and they shall fall among the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

5 ¶ O Assyrian, rod and staff of my anger, in thy hand have I placed my indignation.

6 I will send him against a hypocritical nation, and upon *the* people of my wrath will I send him to take spoil and to take prey and to ready them that they might be tread down like the mire of the streets.

7 Howbeit he shall not think like this; not even in his heart shall he imagine this way *of doing things*, but his thought shall be to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

8 For he shall say, *Are* not my princes altogether kings?

9 *Is* not Calno as Carchemish? *Is* not Hamath as Arpad? *Is* not Samaria as Damascus?

10 As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel those of Jerusalem and of Samaria;

11 shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord has performed his whole work upon Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will come upon the fruit of the pride of the heart of the king of Assyria, and upon the glory of his high looks.

13 For he said, By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom; for I have been prudent: and I have removed the boundaries of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures, and I have cast down as valiant *ones* those who were seated:

14 And my hand has found as a nest the riches of the peoples: and as one gathers eggs *that are* left, I have taken control over all the earth; and there was no one that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that hews with it? *or* shall the saw magnify itself against him that moves it? as if the rod should rise up against those that lift it up, *or* as if the staff should lift *itself* up. Is it not wood?

16 Therefore shall the Lord, the LORD of the hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

18 and shall consume the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field, from the soul unto the flesh; and they shall come to be as *a* standard-bearer in defeat.

19 And the trees that shall remain in his forest shall be in number such that a child may count them.

20 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day *that* those who shall be left of Israel and those who shall be left of the house of Jacob shall no more again stay upon him that smote them, but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21 The remnant shall become converted, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *yet* the remnant of them shall become converted; when the consumption comes to an end, righteousness shall overflow.

23 For the Lord GOD of the hosts shall make a consumption and an end in the midst of all the land.

24 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of the hosts, O my people, dweller of Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian; he shall smite thee with a rod and shall lift up his stick against thee by the way of Egypt;

25 yet from now until a very little while the indignation and my anger shall cease, to make an end of them.

26 And the LORD of the hosts shall raise up a scourge against him as the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb and shall raise up his rod upon the sea, by the way of Egypt.

27 And it shall come to pass in that day that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be consumed in the presence of the anointing.

28 He is come to Aiath; he is passed unto Migron; in Michmash he shall number his army:

29 They are gone over the fords; they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled.

30 Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim; Laish cause poor Anathoth to hear thee.

31 Madmenah is in upheaval; the inhabitants of Gebim shall gather themselves together.

32 Even yet *shall come* a day when he shall rest at Nob; he shall raise his hand unto the mountain of the daughter of Zion unto the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of the hosts, shall lop the bough with force, and the high ones of stature *shall be* hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.

34 And he shall cut down the thickness of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by force.

Isaiah 11

1 ¶ And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD,

3 and shall make him of quick olfaction in the fear of the LORD; and he shall not judge according to the sight of his eyes, neither reprove according to the hearing of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the spirit of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faith the girdle of his kidneys.

6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a child shall shepherd them.

7 The cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

10 ¶ And it shall be in that day that the Root of Jesse, who shall be *lifted up* as a banner, *as an example* to the Gentiles shall be sought by the Gentiles; and his *Kingdom* of peace shall be glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day *that* the Lord shall return to set his hand again to possess the remnant of his people which were left from Assyria and from Egypt and from Pathros and from Cush and from Elam and from Shinar and from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.

12 And he shall raise up a banner, *as an example* for the Gentiles and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel and gather together the dispersed of Judah

from the four corners of the earth.

13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil those of the east together; they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the sons of Ammon shall obey them.

15 And the LORD shall utterly dry up the tongue of the Egyptian sea and shall raise his hand in the strength of his spirit upon the river and shall smite it into seven streams and make *men* go over dryshod.

16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left from Assyria like as it was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 12

1 ¶ And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will sing unto thee; though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou hast comforted me.

2 Behold, O God my saving health, I will trust and not be afraid for JAH, the LORD, *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become saving health unto me.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of saving health.

4 ¶ And in that day ye shall say, Sing unto the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the peoples, remember how his name is exalted.

5 Sing psalms unto the LORD; for he has done excellent things; *let this be* known in all the earth.

6 Rejoice and sing, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Isaiah 13

1 ¶ The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

2 Lift ye up *a banner as an example* upon *the* high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, raise the hand, that they may enter in by gates of princes.

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones; I have also called my mighty ones for my anger that they *might* rejoice with my glory.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of kingdoms, of Gentiles gathered together: the LORD of the hosts orders the host of the battle.

5 They come from a far land, from the end of the heavens, *even* the LORD, and the instruments of his indignation, to destroy the whole earth.

6 ¶ Howl; for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore all hands shall be faint, and every heart of man shall melt:

8 And they shall be filled with terror; anguish and pain shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travails: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as* flames.

9 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel and with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the earth desolate; and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For this reason the stars of the heavens and the lights thereof shall not shine: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not give forth her light.

11 And I will visit evil upon the world and iniquity upon the wicked, and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease and will lay low the haughtiness of the strong.

12 I will make the *noble* man more precious than fine gold and man more than the gold of Ophir.

13 Because I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall be moved out of her place, in the indignation of the LORD of the hosts and in the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep without a shepherd: they shall each man look unto his own people, and flee each one unto his own land.

15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through, and every one that is joined *unto them* shall fall by the sword.

16 Their children shall also be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not look for silver, nor covet gold.

18 They shall shoot at the young boys with bows, and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare *the* sons.

19 ¶ And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It shall never again be inhabited; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation; neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there, neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures, and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their palaces, and dragons in *their* pleasant palaces; and her time *is* near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

Isaiah 14

1 ¶ For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob and will yet choose Israel and cause them to rest in their own land; and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2 And the peoples shall take them and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for slaves and hand maids; and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow and from thy fear and from the hard bondage in which thou wast made to serve,

4 ¶ that thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon and say, How has the oppressor ceased! The city that covets gold has ceased!

5 The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked *and* the sceptre of the rulers

6 who smote the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the Gentiles in anger and who did not defend the persecuted.

7 The whole earth is at rest *and* is quiet; they sing praises.

8 Even the fir trees rejoice at thee, *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

9 Sheol from beneath is aghast at thee; it stirs up the dead to meet *thee* at thy coming; it has raised up from their thrones all the princes of the earth, all the kings of the Gentiles.

10 They all shall shout and say unto thee, Art thou also become sick as we? Art thou become like unto us?

11 Thy pride is brought down to Sheol, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* art thou cut down to the ground, who didst claim the Gentiles as an inheritance!

13 Thou who said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven; upon high next to the stars of God I will exalt my throne: and I will sit upon the mount of the testimony and in the sides of the north;

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou shalt be cast down to Sheol, to the sides of the pit.

16 Those that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, *Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble; that shook the kingdoms;

17 *that* made the world as a wilderness and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* did not open the prison to his prisoners?

18 All the kings of the Gentiles, *even* all of them, lie in glory, each one in his own house.

19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, *and as* the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that went down to the bottom of the pit, as a carcase trodden under feet.

20 Thou shalt not be numbered with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land *and* slain thy people; the seed of evildoers shall not be forever.

21 Prepare slaughter for his sons for the iniquity of their fathers that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

22 For I will rise up upon them, saith the LORD of the hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name and remnant and son and nephew, saith the LORD.

23 I will also make it a possession for the bittern and pools of water, and I will sweep it with brooms of destruction, saith the LORD of the hosts.

24 ¶ The LORD of the hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

25 That I will break the Assyrian in my land and upon my mountains tread him under foot; then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

26 This *is* the counsel that is purposed upon the whole earth; and this *is* the hand that is stretched out upon all the Gentiles.

27 For the LORD of the hosts has purposed, and who shall disannul *it*? His hand *is* stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28 In the year that King Ahaz died was this burden.

29 Rejoice not thou, whole Philistia, because thou didst break the rod of him that smote thee: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice,

and his fruit *shall be* a fiery flying serpent.

30 And the firstborn of the poor shall be fed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will cause thy root to die of famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Philistia, *art* dissolved; for there shall come from the north a smoke, and not one *shall be* left in thy assemblies.

32 What shall *one* then answer the messengers of the Gentiles? That the LORD has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people shall have confidence.

Isaiah 15

1 ¶ The burden of Moab. Certainly in the night Ar of Moab was laid waste *and* brought to silence; certainly in the night Kir of Moab was laid waste *and* brought to silence.

2 He is gone up to Bajith and to Dibon, the altars, to weep; Moab shall howl over Nebo and over Medeba: every head among her shall become bald, *and* every beard shall be cut off.

3 In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth; on the tops of their houses and in their streets, every one shall howl, weeping as they come down.

4 And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh: their voice shall be heard *even* unto Jahaz; therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; each one of them shall cry out for his soul.

5 My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall go up with weeping by the hill of Luhith unto Zoar, a heifer of three years; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.

6 ¶ For the waters of Nimrim have run out: for the grass *of the courtyard* is withered away, the herb fails, there is no green thing.

7 Therefore that which *each one* has laid up and their riches they shall carry away to the brook of the willows.

8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim and the clamour thereof unto Beerelim.

9 For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood; for I will bring more upon Dimon: lions upon him that escapes of Moab and upon the remnant of the land.

Isaiah 16

1 ¶ Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land, from the rock of the wilderness unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it shall be *that* as a wandering bird cast out of the nest so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.

3 Take counsel; execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; do not betray him that escapes.

4 Let my outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the presence of the destroyer; for the extortioner shall come to an end, the destroyer shall cease, the oppressor shall be consumed out of the land.

5 And in mercy shall the throne be established; and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking judgment and hastening righteousness.

6 ¶ We have heard of the pride of Moab; *he is* very proud, *even* of his haughtiness and his pride and his wrath, *but* his lies *shall* not *be* so.

7 Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab; every one shall howl; for the foundations of Kirhareseth shall ye mourn; surely *they are* stricken.

8 For the vines of Heshbon were cut off *and* the vines of Sibmah; the lords of the Gentiles have trodden down the offshoots thereof, which had come *even* unto Jazer and extended *through* the wilderness; they had gone over the sea.

9 Therefore I will bewail with the weeping Jazer of the vine of Sibmah; I will cause thee to drink my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh, for the song shall cease upon thy summer fruits and thy harvest.

10 And gladness is taken away and joy out of the fertile field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be rejoicing: the treaders shall tread out no wine in *their* presses; I have made *their vintage* song to cease.

11 Therefore my bowels shall sound like a harp for Moab and my inward parts for Kirharesh.

12 And it shall come to pass when it is seen that Moab is weary upon the high places that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray, but he shall be

unable to.

13 This *is* the word that the LORD has spoken concerning Moab since that time.

14 But now the LORD has spoken, saying, Within three years, as a hireling *counts the* years, the glory of Moab shall be cast down, with all *her* great multitude; and the remnant *shall be* few, small *and* feeble.

Isaiah 17

1 ¶ The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken; they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

3 The succour of Ephraim shall cease, and the kingdom from Damascus and the remnant of Syria; they shall be as the glory of the sons of Israel, saith the LORD of the hosts.

4 And in that day it shall come to pass *that* the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathers the sheaves and reaps the grain with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathers grain in the valley of Rephaim.

6 ¶ Yet gleaning shall be left in it as when the olive tree is shaken; two *or* three berries *are left* in the top of the uppermost bough, four *or* five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.

7 At that day man shall look to his Maker, and his eyes shall see the Holy One of Israel.

8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands; neither shall he look upon *that* which his fingers have made, either the groves or the images of the sun.

9 ¶ In that day the cities of his strength shall be as the gleanings which remain on the shoots and on the branches, which were left of the sons of Israel; and there shall be desolation.

10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy saving health and hast not been mindful of the Rock of thy strength; therefore thou shalt plant pleasant plants and set it with strange slips:

11 In the day that thou shalt plant them, thou shalt make them to grow and shalt make thy seed to flourish early; *but* in the day of gathering, the harvest shall flee and *shall be* desperate sorrow.

12 ¶ Woe to the multitude of many peoples, *which* shall make a noise like the noise of the sea; and the rushing of nations, *that* make an uprising like

the rushing of mighty waters!

13 The peoples shall make noise like the rushing of great waters, but *God* shall reprehend them, and they shall flee far off and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind and like the tumbleweed before the whirlwind.

14 And behold at eveningtide trouble, *and* before the morning she *is* not. This *is* the portion of them that tread on us and the lot of them that spoil us.

Isaiah 18

1 ¶ Woe to the land which makes shade with *her* wings, which *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:

2 He who sends ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, *saying*, Go, ye swift messengers, to the people scattered and peeled, to the people full of fears from their beginning, and until now, *a* people tired of waiting and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!

3 All ye inhabitants of the world and neighbours of the land, when he lifts up a banner *as an example* on the mountains, ye shall see it; and when he blows the shofar, ye shall hear it.

4 For so the LORD said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will look forth from my dwelling place like a clear sun after the rain *and* like a cloud filled with dew in the heat of the harvest.

5 For before the harvest, when the fruit is perfect, and after the flower is past and the fruit is mature, then he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks and take away *and* cut down the branches.

6 They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains and to the beasts of the earth; and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

7 In that time *the* present shall be brought unto the LORD of the hosts, the people scattered and peeled, the people full of fears from their beginning and until now, *a* people tired of waiting and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of the hosts, to the Mount Zion.

Isaiah 19

1 ¶ The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rides upon a swift cloud and shall come into Egypt, and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

2 And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians, and they shall fight each one against his brother, and each one against his neighbour; city against city *and* kingdom against kingdom.

3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof, and I will destroy the counsel thereof; and they shall seek to the idols and to the charmers and to the spiritists and to the wizards.

4 And I will give the Egyptians over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a violent king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of the hosts.

5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.

6 And they shall turn the rivers far away, *and* the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up; the reeds and flags shall wither.

7 The vegetables by the river, by the mouth of the river, and every thing sown beside the river shall dry up, wither away, and be no *more*.

8 The fishermen also shall mourn, and all those that cast fishhooks into the river shall lament, and those that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

9 Moreover those that work in fine flax and those that weave networks shall be confounded.

10 Because all their nets shall be broken; all that make ponds to *raise* fish *shall be discontented*.

11 Surely the princes of Zoan *are* fools; the counsel of the prudent counsellors of Pharaoh is become carnal; how say ye unto Pharaoh, I *am* the son of the wise, the son of the ancient kings?

12 Where *are* they? Where *are* thy wise *men*? Let them tell thee now, or let them cause thee to know what the LORD of the hosts has purposed upon Egypt.

13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, *even those that are* the stay of the tribes

thereof.

14 The LORD has mingled a perverse spirit in its midst, and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken *man* staggers in his vomit.

15 Neither shall it be of *any* value unto Egypt, any work which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.

16 In that day Egypt shall be like unto women, and it shall be afraid and fear in the presence of the tall hand of the LORD of the hosts, which he shall raise up over them.

17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt; every one that makes mention of it shall be afraid in himself because of the counsel of the LORD of the hosts which he has determined against it.

18 ¶ In that day five cities in the land of Egypt shall speak the language of Canaan and swear to the LORD of the hosts; one shall be called The city of destruction.

19 In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt and a pyramid titled “To the LORD” at the border thereof.

20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of the hosts in the land of Egypt; for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a Saviour, and a Prince, and he shall deliver them.

21 And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day and shall do sacrifice and oblation; they shall vow vows unto the LORD and perform them.

22 And the LORD shall smite Egypt; he shall smite and heal *it* because they shall become converted unto the LORD, and he shall grant them clemency and shall heal them.

23 In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve the LORD with the Assyrians.

24 In that day Israel shall be the third *part* with Egypt and with Assyria, *even* a blessing in the midst of the earth.

25 For the LORD of the hosts shall bless them, saying, Blessed *be* Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.

Isaiah 20

1 ¶ In the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him) and fought against Ashdod and took it;

2 at the same time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

3 And the LORD said, Like as my slave Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years *for* a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia,

4 so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with *their* buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

5 And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their hope and of Egypt their glory.

6 And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such *was* our hope which we clung to for help that we might be free from the presence of the king of Assyria. How shall we escape?

Isaiah 21

1 ¶ The burden of the desert of the sea. As the whirlwinds which pass through the wilderness in the land of the south, so they come from the terrible land.

2 A grievous vision is shown unto me. For *one* who is treacherous, another who deals treacherously, and for *one* destroyer, *another* destroyer. Rise up, Elam; besiege Media; all the sighing thereof I have made to cease.

3 Therefore my loins are filled with pain; pangs have taken hold upon me as the pangs of a woman that travails; I was bowed down at the hearing of *it*; I was dismayed at the seeing *of it*.

4 My heart panted; the horror frightened me; the night of my pleasure he has turned into fear unto me.

5 Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink; arise, ye princes, *and* anoint the shield.

6 For thus has the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman who shall declare what he sees.

7 And he saw a chariot *with* a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, *and* a chariot of camels; then he looked with more diligence;

8 and he cried, A lion upon the watchman. My lord, I stand continually *all* the day and all night long upon my watchtower.

9 And, behold, this chariot of men comes *with* a couple of horsemen. Afterwards he spoke and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he has broken unto the ground.

10 O my harvest, and the people of my threshing floor, that which I have heard of the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel, I have declared unto you.

11 ¶ The burden of Dumah. He calls to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of this night? Watchman, what of this night?

12 The watchman said, The morning comes and then the night; if ye will enquire, enquire ye; return, and come.

13 ¶ The burden upon Arabia. In the forest ye shall pass the night in Arabia, O ye walkers of Dedanim.

14 Go ye out to meet them bringing water for the thirsty, O inhabitants of the land of Tema; succour those who are fleeing with your bread.

15 For they flee from the presence of the sword, from the presence of the drawn sword, from the presence of the bent bow, from the presence of the grievousness of the battle.

16 For thus has the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, all the glory of Kedar shall be undone:

17 And the residue of the number of valiant archers, sons of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel has spoken *it*.

Isaiah 22

1 ¶ The burden of the valley of the vision. What ails thee now that thou art completely gone up to the housetops?

2 Thou that art full of tumults, a tumultuous city, a joyous city, thy dead *are* not slain with the sword nor slain in battle.

3 All thy princes together fled from the bow; they were bound; all that were found in thee were bound together; *the others* fled far away.

4 Therefore I said, Leave me; I will weep bitterly; do not labour to comfort me of the destruction of the daughter of my people.

5 For a day of trouble and of treading down and of wearing down by the Lord GOD of the hosts *is sent* in the valley of the vision to break down the wall and *give a* cry unto the mountain.

6 Also Elam bore the quiver in *a* chariot of men and of horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.

7 And it came to pass, *that* thy choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the soldiers set themselves in array at the gate.

8 ¶ And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the house of weapons of the forest.

9 Ye have also seen the breaches of the city of David that they are multiplied, and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10 And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and ye have broken down houses to fortify the wall.

11 Ye also made a moat between the two walls with the water of the old pool, but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, nor had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

12 Therefore the Lord GOD of the hosts did call in this day unto weeping and to mourning and to baldness and to girding with sackcloth:

13 And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine *while they say*, let us eat and drink for tomorrow we shall die.

14 This was revealed in my ears by the LORD of the hosts, That surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you until ye die, saith the Lord GOD of

the hosts.

15 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD of the hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, *even* unto Shebna, which *is* over the house, *and say*,

16 What hast thou here? or whom hast thou here that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here *as* he that hews himself out a sepulchre on a high place or that graves a habitation for himself in a rock?

17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee away in a hard captivity and will surely cover thy face.

18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee *like* a ball into a large country, there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory *shall come to an end*, the shame of the house of thy Lord.

19 And I will drive thee from thy place, and he shall pull thee down from thy state.

20 And it shall come to pass in that day that I will call my slave Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:

21 And I will clothe him with thy robe and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand, and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

22 And the key of the house of David I will lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and no one shall shut; and he shall shut, and no one shall open.

23 And I will fasten him *as* a nail in a sure place, and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the sons and the grandsons, all the vessels of small quantity, from the cups to drink *from* *even* unto all the instruments of music.

25 In that day, saith the LORD of the hosts, the nail that is fastened in the sure place shall be removed and be cut down and fall and the burden that *was* upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD has spoken *it*.

Isaiah 23

1 ¶ The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish, for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in; from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.

2 Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle; *thou* mart of Zidon, that *by* passing over the sea thou wert replenished.

3 Her provision *was* from the plantings *that grow* with the many waters of the Nile, of the harvest of the river. She was also the mart of the Gentiles.

4 Be thou ashamed, O Zidon, for the sea has spoken, *even* the strength of the sea, saying, I have never travailed nor brought forth children, neither did I nourish up young men *nor* bring up virgins.

5 When the report comes unto Egypt, they shall be sorely pained at the news from Tyre.

6 Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle.

7 *Is* this your joyous *city*, whose antiquity *is* of ancient days? Her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.

8 Who has decreed this against Tyre, the crowning *city*, whose merchants were princes, whose traders *were* the honourable of the earth?

9 The LORD of the hosts has purposed it to stain the pride of all glory *and* to bring down all *those* who are exalted in the earth.

10 Pass by as a river from thy land, O daughter of Tarshish; for *thou shalt have* no more strength.

11 He stretched out his hand over the sea; he shook the kingdoms; the LORD commanded upon Canaan that her strength should be weakened.

12 And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon; arise, pass over to Chittim, and even there thou shalt have no rest.

13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans. This people was not *until* the Assyrian founded it for those that dwell in the wilderness; they set up its towers; they raised up its palaces, *and* he brought it to ruin.

14 Howl, ye ships of Tarshish, for your strength is laid waste.

15 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years according to the days of one king; after the end of seventy years Tyre shall sing as a harlot.

16 Take a harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing the song again that thou may be remembered.

17 And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire and shall commit fornication again with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

18 But her profit and her hire shall be consecrated unto the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid up for her profit shall be for those that dwell before the LORD, to eat until they are filled and to dress honourably.

Isaiah 24

1 ¶ Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it naked and turns it upside down and scatters abroad its inhabitants.

2 And it shall be, as with the people so with the priest; as with the slave so with his master; as with the maid so with her mistress; as with the buyer so with the seller; as with the lender so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury so with the giver of usury to him.

3 The land shall be utterly emptied and utterly spoiled: for the LORD has spoken this word.

4 The earth has destroyed itself and fallen; the world has become sick and fallen; the haughty peoples of the earth are become sick.

5 The earth is also become bankrupt under its inhabitants because they have transgressed the laws, falsified the order, broken the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore the curse has consumed the earth, and those that dwell therein are found guilty; therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are consumed, and few men left.

7 The new wine is lost; the vine is sick; all those who were merryhearted sigh.

8 The mirth of tambourines ceases; the noise of those that rejoice ends; the joy of the harp ceases.

9 They shall not drink wine with a song; the drink shall be bitter to them that would drink it.

10 The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up that no man may come in.

11 *There is* a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened; the mirth of the land is gone.

12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

13 ¶ For thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the peoples as the shaking of an olive tree, as the gleanings when the vintage is done.

14 These shall lift up their voice; they shall sing joyfully in the majesty of the LORD; they shall lift up their voice from the sea.

15 Therefore glorify ye the LORD in the valleys; let the LORD God of Israel be called upon by name in the isles of the sea.

16 ¶ From the uttermost part of the earth we have heard psalms, Glory to the righteous *one*. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; *yea*, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

17 Fear and the pit and the snare *are* upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

18 And it shall come to pass *that* he who shall flee from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that shall come up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: because from on high, windows have been opened, and the foundations of the earth shall shake.

19 The earth shall be utterly broken down; the earth is clean dissolved; the earth is moved exceedingly.

20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard and shall be removed like a cottage; and its transgression shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall and never rise again.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day *that* the LORD shall visit *punishment* upon the host of the high ones *that are* on high and upon the kings of the earth on the earth.

22 And they shall be gathered together *as* prisoners are gathered in the pit and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days they shall be visited.

23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of the hosts shall reign in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and in the presence of his ancients he shall be glorious.

Isaiah 25

1 ¶ O LORD, thou *art* my God; I will exalt thee; I will praise thy name for thou hast done wonders, the counsels of old, the truth unchanging.

2 That thou hast turned the city into a heap; the defenced city into *a* ruin: the palace of strangers to not be *a* city; it shall never be rebuilt.

3 Therefore the strong people shall glorify thee; the city of the strong Gentiles shall fear thee.

4 For thou hast been strength to the poor, strength to the needy in his distress, refuge from the storm, shadow from the heat, for the force of the violent *is* as a storm *against* the wall.

5 As the heat in a dry place, thou shalt bring down the pride of the strangers; *even as* with heat *that burns* beneath *a* cloud, thou shalt cause the offshoot of the stout ones to wither.

6 ¶ And in this mountain the LORD of the hosts shall make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of purified wines, of fat things full of marrow, of purified liquids.

7 And he will undo in this mountain the mask of the covering with which all the peoples are covered and the veil that is extended over all the Gentiles.

8 He will destroy death forever; and the Lord GOD shall wipe away every tear from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people he shall take away from off all the earth: for the LORD has determined *it*.

9 ¶ And it shall be said in that day, Behold, this *is* our God, whom we have waited for, and he has saved us: this *is* the LORD, whom we have waited for, we will be glad and rejoice in his saving health.

10 For in this mountain the hand of the LORD shall rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him *even as* straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

11 And he shall extend his hand in the midst of him as he that swims spreads forth *his hand* to swim: and he shall bring down his pride with the members of his hands

12 and lay siege to the fortress of thy high walls; he shall humble it and bring it down to the ground, *even to* the dust.

Isaiah 26

1 ¶ In that day they shall sing this song in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; *God* has appointed saving health *for* walls and bulwarks.

2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.

3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusts in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in JAH, the LORD *is* the strength of the ages:

5 ¶ For he has brought down those that dwelt on high; he has humbled the lofty city; he humbled her, *even* to the ground; he brought her down *even* to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread her down, *even the* feet of the poor, *and the* steps of the needy.

7 The way of the just *is* uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, we wait for thee; the desire of *our* soul *is* to thy name and to the remembrance of thee.

9 With my soul I desire thee in the night; *yea*, even as long as the spirit is within me I will seek thee early: for as long as thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

10 Let favour be showed to the wicked, *yet* will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

11 LORD, *when* thy hand is withdrawn, they will not see: *but* they shall see in the end and be ashamed with the zeal of the people. And fire shall consume thine enemies.

12 ¶ LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought in us all our works.

13 O LORD our God, *other* lords have had dominion over us without thee: *but* in thee only will we remember thy name.

14 *They are* dead, they shall not live; *they are* deceased, they shall not rise because thou hast visited and destroyed them and made all their memory to perish.

15 Thou hast added the Gentiles, O LORD, thou hast added the Gentiles: thou hast made thyself glorious: thou hast extended thyself *unto* all the ends of the earth.

16 LORD, in the tribulation they have sought thee, they poured out prayer *when* thy chastening *was* upon them.

17 Like as a woman with child, *that* draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain, *and* cries out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.

18 We have conceived, we have had birth pangs; we have, as it were, brought forth wind; we have not wrought any health in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 Thy dead shall live, and *together with* my body they shall arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is as* the covering of light, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

20 ¶ Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself, as it were, for a little moment until the indignation is overpast.

21 For, behold, the LORD comes out of his place to visit the iniquity of the inhabitant of the earth against himself: the earth also shall disclose her blood and shall no longer cover her slain.

Isaiah 27

1 ¶ In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall visit *punishment* upon leviathan the fleeing serpent, and upon leviathan that serpent of double vision; and he shall slay the dragon that *is* in the sea.

2 In that day sing ye unto the vineyard of the red wine.

3 I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest *the enemy* visit it, I will keep it night and day.

4 Fury *is* not in me: who would set the briers *and* thorns against me in battle? I would tread them down, I would burn them together.

5 Or *who* shall take hold of my strength? Make peace with me, yea, make peace with me.

6 *Days* shall come when Jacob shall take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and the face of the world shall be filled with fruit.

7 ¶ Has he been smitten as he who smote him? *or* has he been slain as those who slew him?

8 In measure, she shall be chastised in her stalks: he stays his rough wind in the day of the east wind.

9 Therefore, in this manner shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this *shall be* all the fruit, the removal of his sin; when *he* shall return all the stones of the altar, as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder that they may not raise up the groves, or the images of the sun.

10 Otherwise the defenced city *shall be* made desolate, *and* the habitation shall be forsaken and left like a wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down and consume the branches thereof.

11 When its boughs are withered, they shall be broken off: women shall come *and* set them on fire: for this *is* not a people of understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will show them no favour.

12 And it shall come to pass in that day *that* the LORD shall smite from the channel of the river *Euphrates* unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye sons of Israel.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day *that* the great shofar shall be blown, and those who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria and the outcasts in the land of Egypt shall come and worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Isaiah 28

1 ¶ Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim and to the open flower of the beauty of their glory which *is* upon the head of the fertile valley of those that are overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one *who* as a tempest of hail *and* a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:

4 And the fading flower of the beauty of their glory, which *is* upon the head of the fertile valley, shall be as the early fig, which *comes* first *before the other fruits* of the summer; which *when* he that looks upon it sees it; *as soon as he* has it in his hand, he eats it up.

5 In that day the LORD of the hosts shall be for a crown of glory and for a diadem of beauty unto the residue of his people,

6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sits upon *the throne of* judgment, and for strength to those that turn the battle to the gate.

7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink; they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble *in* judgment.

8 For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is* no place *clean*.

9 ¶ Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *Those that are* weaned from the milk *and* drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue he will speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This *is* the rest *with which* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

13 But the word of the LORD shall be unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a

little; that they might go and fall backward and be broken and snared and taken.

14 ¶ Therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that have taken rule over this people which *is* in Jerusalem.

15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we are at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hid ourselves:

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believes shall not make haste.

17 Judgment also will I lay to the line and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with Sheol shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

19 From the time that it goes forth, it shall take you: for it shall come suddenly, by day and by night: and it shall be that the terror only causes *one* to understand the report.

20 For the bed is shorter than that *a man* can stretch himself *on it*: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself *in it*.

21 For the LORD shall rise up as *in* Mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as *in* the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

22 Now therefore do not be mockers lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord GOD of the hosts that consumption and destruction *are determined* upon the whole earth.

23 ¶ Give ye ear and hear my voice; hearken and hear my speech.

24 Does the plowman plow all day to sow? does he open and break the clods of his ground?

25 When he has levelled the face thereof, does he not cast abroad the fitches and scatter the cummin and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rye in their place?

26 For his God teaches him to know how to judge *and* instructs him.

27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff and the cummin with a rod.

28 Grain is thrashed *to make bread*; but he will not ever be threshing it, nor shall he grind *it* with the wheel of his cart, nor crush it with the teeth *of his thrashing instrument*.

29 This also comes forth from the LORD of the hosts to make *his* counsel wonderful, and to increase wisdom.

Isaiah 29

1 ¶ Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city *where* David dwelt! add ye one year to another; the lambs shall cease.

2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

3 And I will camp against thee round about and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.

4 And thou shalt be brought down *and* shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be as that of a spiritist, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.

5 Moreover the multitude of thy enemies *that shall come from afar* shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the strong ones *shall be* as chaff that passes away: *yea*, it shall be at an instant suddenly.

6 Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of the hosts with thunders, with earthquakes, and with great noise, with whirlwind and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

7 And the multitude of all the Gentiles that shall fight against Ariel, even all that shall fight against her and their siege weapons, and those that shall distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.

8 It shall even be as he who dreams that he is hungry, and in his dream, he eats; but when he awakes, his soul *is* empty; and *as* he who dreams that he is thirsty, and, in his dream, he drinks; but he awakes, and, behold, *he is* faint, and his soul *is still* thirsty: so shall the multitude of all the Gentiles be, that shall fight against Mount Zion.

9 ¶ Become ye dumb, and make others dumb; become ye blind, and blind others: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

10 For the LORD has extended upon you the spirit of deep sleep and has closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, he has covered the seers with sleep.

11 And every vision is unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which if it were delivered to one that knows how to read, saying, Read this, I pray thee: he shall say, I cannot; for it *is* sealed:

12 And if the book were delivered to him that does not know how to read, saying, Read this, I pray thee: he shall say, I do not know how to read.

13 Therefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people sacrifice unto me and honour me with their lips, but have removed their heart far from me, and their worship with which they honour me was taught by the commandment of men:

14 Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvellous *work among* this people with *a* fearful miracle: for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the prudence of their prudent *men* shall fade away.

15 Woe unto those that hide themselves from the LORD, covering the counsel; and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who sees us? and who knows us?

16 Surely your subversion shall be as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He did not make me? or shall the vessel say of him that made it, He did not understand?

17 ¶ *Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into Carmel a fruitful field, and shall not Carmel be esteemed as a forest?*

18 And in that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see in the midst of darkness, and of gross darkness.

19 Then the humble shall grow in joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the violent one shall be done away with, and the scorner shall be consumed, and all those that rose early unto iniquity shall be cut off:

21 Those that made men to sin in word; those that laid a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turned that which is just into vanity.

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who ransomed Abraham, unto the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale;

23 for he shall see his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel;

24 and those that erred in spirit shall learn understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

Isaiah 30

1 ¶ Woe to the sons that leave, saith the LORD, to make counsel, but not of me; to cover themselves with a covering, and not by my spirit, adding sin unto sin!

2 They leave to descend into Egypt and have not *asked for a word* from my mouth, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh and to place their hope in the shadow of Egypt.

3 But the strength of Pharaoh shall become your shame, and the hope in the shadow of Egypt *your* confusion.

4 When his princes shall be in Zoan, and his ambassadors have come to Hanes,

5 all shall be ashamed of the people *that* shall not profit them, nor be a help, nor bring them increase, but a shame, and also a reproach.

6 The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence *come* the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent; they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people *that* shall not profit *them*.

7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain and to no purpose; therefore I have cried *out* concerning this that your strength *should be* to sit still.

8 ¶ Now go, write this *vision* before them on a tablet and note it in a book that it may remain unto the last day, for ever, unto all ages.

9 That this *is* a rebellious people, lying sons, sons *that* did not desire to hear the law of the LORD:

10 Who say to those that see, See not; and to the prophets, Do not prophesy right things unto us, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to leave our presence.

12 Therefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in violence and perversity and build upon this:

13 Therefore this sin shall be to you as an open *wall* ready to fall and as a breach in a high defence, whose breaking comes suddenly at an instant.

14 And your destruction shall be as the breaking of *a* potter's vessel that without mercy is broken to pieces so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it even a shard to take fire from the hearth or to take water from *the* well.

15 For the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel has said; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

16 But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be even more swift.

17 One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five ye shall *all* flee: until ye are left as a mast upon the top of a mountain and as a banner *of example* on a hill.

18 ¶ And therefore will the LORD wait *for you*, that he may have mercy on you, and therefore will he be exalted having mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed *are* all those that wait for him.

19 For the people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he who has mercy shall show mercy unto thee; at the voice of thy cry when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

20 But the Lord shall give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction; thy rain shall never more be taken away, but thine eyes shall see thy rain:

21 Then thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, that ye not turn to the right hand and that ye not turn to the left hand.

22 Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver and the protection of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Go away from here.

23 Then he shall give the rain unto thy planting when thou shalt sow the ground; and bread of the fruit of the earth, and it shall be fat and fertile: in that day thy cattle shall feed in large pastures.

24 Thine oxen and thine asses that work the ground shall eat clean grain, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.

25 And there shall be upon every high mountain and upon every high hill, rivers *and* streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the

towers shall fall.

26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD binds up the breach of his people and heals the stroke of their wound.

27 ¶ Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar; his face is blazing and difficult to gaze upon: his lips are full of indignation and his tongue as a devouring fire:

28 And his Spirit, as an overflowing stream, shall break even unto the neck to sift the Gentiles with the sieve of vanity and *to put a* bridle in the jaws of the people, causing *them* to err.

29 Ye shall have a song, as in *the night in which* the passover is kept and gladness of heart as when one goes with a flute to come into the mountain of the LORD to the mighty One of Israel.

30 And the LORD shall cause the power of his voice to be heard and shall cause the lighting down of his arm to be seen, with the indignation of *his* countenance and *with* the flame of a devouring fire, *with* scattering and tempest and hailstones.

31 For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, *which* smote with a rod.

32 And *in* every *evil* place there shall be a staff that the LORD shall cause to lay upon him with tambourines and harps: and with *the* strength of heaven he will fight against her.

33 For Tophet *is* ordained of yesterday for the king *of Babylon*, it is also prepared; he has deepened *and* enlarged the pile of her fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD like a stream of brimstone kindles it.

Isaiah 31

1 ¶ Woe to those that go down to Egypt for help; and trust in horses and place their hope in chariots because *they are* many and in horsemen, because they are valiant, but they did not look unto the Holy One of Israel, neither did they seek the LORD!

2 Yet he also *is* wise to guide evil and will not cause his words to lie but will arise against the house of the evildoers and against the help of those that work iniquity.

3 Now the Egyptian is a man, and not God, and his horses flesh, and not spirit, so that as the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helps shall fall, and he that is helped shall fall down, and they shall all fail together.

4 For thus has the LORD spoken unto me, Like the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, even if a multitude of shepherds come forth against him, *he* will not be afraid of their voices, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of the hosts come down to fight for Mount Zion and for his hill.

5 As birds flying, so will the LORD of the hosts defend Jerusalem; defending, delivering, passing over, and saving *it*.

6 ¶ Turn ye unto him against whom ye have deeply revolted, O sons of Israel.

7 For in that day *every* man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you as a sin.

8 Then the Assyrian shall fall by the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the presence of the sword, and his young men shall faint.

9 And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the banner, saith the LORD, unto whom *there is* fire in Zion, and unto whom *there is* a furnace in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 32

1 ¶ Behold, *one* king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall preside unto judgment.

2 And that man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry *place*, as the shadow of a great rock in a hot land.

3 And the eyes of those that see shall not be dim, and the ears of those that hear shall hearken.

4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

5 The vile person shall no longer be called liberal, nor the greedy said *to be* bountiful.

6 For the vile person will speak villainy, and his heart will invent iniquity to work unrighteousness and to speak scornfully against the LORD, leaving the soul of the hungry empty and taking away the drink of the thirsty.

7 Certainly the greedy *use* evil measures: he devises wicked devices to ensnare the simple with lying words and to speak in judgment *against* the poor.

8 But the liberal devises liberal things; and by liberal things shall he rise.

9 ¶ Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.

10 Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, and the harvest shall not come in.

11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make yourselves bare, and gird *sackcloth* upon *your* loins.

12 Upon their breasts they shall lament for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns *and* briers; even upon all the houses of joy *in* the joyous city:

14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the noise of the city shall cease; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

15 until the spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness is turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is counted for a forest.

16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness shall remain in the fruitful field.

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness rest and security for ever.

18 And my people shall dwell in a habitation of peace and in secure dwellings and in the refreshing of rest.

19 And the hail, when it shall come down, *shall be* in the forest; and the city shall be completely laid low.

20 Blessed *are* ye that sow upon all waters, ye that plow with the ox and with the ass.

Isaiah 33

1 ¶ Woe to thee that dost spoil, and thou *wast* not spoiled; and dost deal treacherously, and they did not deal treacherously with thee! When thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; *and* when thou shalt make an end to dealing treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

2 O LORD, have mercy on us; we wait for thee: *thou* wert the strength of thy people in the beginning, be also our saving health in the time of tribulation.

3 At the noise of the tumult the peoples fled; at the lifting up of thyself the Gentiles were scattered.

4 And your spoil shall be gathered *like* the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

5 The LORD shall be exalted; he who dwells on the heights: *for* he has filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

6 And in thy times wisdom and knowledge, and the strength of salvation shall reign: the fear of the LORD *shall be* his treasure.

7 Behold, their ambassadors shall cry without: the messengers of peace shall weep bitterly.

8 The highways shall be broken down; the travellers shall cease; he has broken the covenant; he has despised the cities; he does not regard man.

9 The earth mourns *and* languishes: Lebanon is ashamed *and* hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel were shaken.

10 Now I will rise up, saith the LORD; now I will be exalted; now I will be lifted up.

11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, *as* fire, shall devour you.

12 And the peoples shall be *as* the burnings of lime: *as* thorns cut up they shall be burned in the fire.

13 ¶ Hear, ye *that are* far off, what I have done; and, ye *that are* near, acknowledge my might.

14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness has surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall

dwell with eternal flames?

15 He that walks in righteousness, he that speaks uprightly; he that despises the gain of violence, he that shakes his hands from receiving bribes; he that stops his ears to not hear of blood; he who shuts his eyes to not see evil;

16 he shall dwell upon the high places: fortresses of rocks shall be his place of refuge: bread shall be given him; his waters *shall be* sure.

17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

18 Thine heart shall imagine the terror. Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the receiver *of tribute*? Where *is* he that counted the towers?

19 Thou shalt not see that fierce people, a people of a darker speech than thou can perceive; of a stammering tongue, *that thou can* not understand.

20 Thou shalt see Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle *that* shall not be taken down; not one of its stakes shall ever be removed, neither shall any of its cords be broken.

21 For the LORD shall surely be strong unto us there, a place of broad rivers *and* wide streams in which no galley with oars shall go, neither shall *any* great ship pass thereby.

22 For the LORD *shall be* our judge, the LORD *shall be* our lawgiver, the LORD shall be our king; he himself will save us.

23 Thy tacklings are loosed; they did not strengthen well their mast, nor could they spread the sail: {Heb. banner} then the prey of a great spoil shall be divided; *even* the lame shall take prey.

24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein *shall be* absolved from sin.

Isaiah 34

1 ¶ Come near, ye Gentiles, to hear; and hearken, ye peoples; let the earth hear, and all that is therein, the world and all things that come forth of it.

2 For the indignation of the LORD *is* upon all the Gentiles, and *his* fury upon the entire army of them; he shall destroy them and deliver them to the slaughter.

3 Their slain shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4 And all the host of heavens shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll; and all their host shall fall down as the leaf falls off from the vine and as the *leaf* falls from the fig tree.

5 For in the heavens my sword shall become drunk; behold, it shall come down in judgment upon Idumea *or Edom* and upon the people of my anathema.

6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood; it is made fat with fatness *and* with the blood of lambs and goats with the fat of the kidneys of rams, for the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

7 And the unicorns shall fall with them, and the bulls with the calves; and their land shall become drunk with blood, and their dust shall be greased with fatness.

8 For *it shall be* the day of the LORD's vengeance *and* the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.

9 ¶ And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; its smoke shall go up for ever; from generation to generation it shall lie waste; no one shall pass through it for ever and ever.

11 But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it; and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion and the level of desolation.

12 They shall call the princes thereof, princes without a kingdom; and all her great ones shall be nothing.

13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof; and it shall be a habitation of dragons *and* a court for young owls.

14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl shall have his seat there and find for himself a place of rest.

15 There shall the great owl make his nest and conserve *his eggs* and hatch his young and gather them under his wings; there shall the vultures also be gathered, each one with his mate.

16 Seek ye out *that which is written in* the book of the LORD and read; if one of these is lacking, none is missing with his mate, for his mouth has commanded it, and his same Spirit has gathered them.

17 And he has cast the lot for them, and his hand has divided it unto them by line; therefore they shall have it as an inheritance for ever; from generation to generation they shall dwell therein.

Isaiah 35

1 ¶ The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the lily.

2 It shall blossom abundantly and shall also praise and sing for joy; the honour of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the beauty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD *and* the beauty of our God.

3 Comfort ye the tired hands and strengthen the knees that tremble.

4 Say to those *that are* of a fearful heart, Be comforted, fear not; behold, your God comes with vengeance, with recompense; God himself will come and save you.

5 ¶ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then the lame *one* shall leap as *a* hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall praise; for waters shall be dug in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

7 The parched ground shall become a pool and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.

8 And a highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; and for those in it there *shall be* someone to go with them, in such a manner that the foolish shall not err *therein*.

9 No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, nor shall any be found there so that the redeemed can walk *there*:

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with songs; and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their heads: they shall retain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 36

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah *that* Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah and took them.

2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he camped by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the washer's field.

3 Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiyah's son, who was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the writer of chronicles.

4 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this in which thou dost trust?

5 I say, *sayest thou*, (but *they are but* vain words) *I have* counsel and strength for war: now on whom dost thou trust that thou dost rebel against me?

6 Behold, thou dost trust in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt upon which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it, so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.

7 But if thou say to me, We trust in the LORD our God; *is it* not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?

8 Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou art able on thy part to set riders upon them.

9 How, therefore, wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's slaves even if thou art trusting in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10 And peradventure am I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said unto me, Go up against this land and destroy it.

11 ¶ Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy slaves in the Syrian language, for we understand *it*, and do

not speak to us in the Jewish language, in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.

12 But Rabshakeh said, Has my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? *Has he* not *sent me* to the men that sit upon the wall that they may eat their own dung and drink their own piss with you?

13 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jewish language and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 Thus saith the king, Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you.

15 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

16 Do not hearken unto Hezekiah, for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make peace with me and come out to me and eat each one of his vine and each one of his fig tree and drink each one the waters of his own cistern

17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 *Beware* lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Have any of the gods of the Gentiles delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 Where *is* the god of Hamath and Arphad? Where *is* the god of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

20 What god is there among all the gods of these lands that have delivered their land out of my hand that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

21 But they held their peace and did not answer him a word, for the king had commanded thus, saying, Answer him not.

22 *Then* came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe and Joah, the son of Asaph, the writer of chronicles, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

Isaiah 37

1 ¶ And it came to pass when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble and of rebuke and of blasphemy, for the sons are come to the breaking *of the water*, and *there is* no strength in her who is to bring *them* forth.

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to blaspheme the living God and to reprove with the words which the LORD thy God has heard; therefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that is still left.

5 So the slaves of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, Do not be afraid of the words that thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, that I am sending *a* spirit in him, and he shall hear *a* rumour and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 ¶ So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard *it*, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Do not let thy God, in whom thou dost trust, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly, and shalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the Gentiles delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed, *as* Gozan and Haran and Rezeph and the sons of Eden which

were in Telassar?

13 Where *is* the king of Hamath and the king of Arphad and the king of the city of Sepharvaim Hena, and Ivah?

14 And Hezekiah took the letters from the hand of the messengers and read them; and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD and spread them before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying,

16 O LORD of the hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest *between* the cherubim, thou *art* the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made the heavens and earth.

17 Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see and hear all the words of Sennacherib, who has sent *his messengers* to blaspheme the living God.

18 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their countries

19 and have cast their gods into the fire, for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them.

20 Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD, *even* thou only.

21 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria:

22 This *is* the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him, Has he despised thee? Has he laughed thee to scorn O virgin daughter of Zion? Has he shaken his head behind thy back O daughter of Jerusalem?

23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy One of Israel.

24 By the hand of thy slaves thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots I shall come up to the height of the mountains to the sides of Lebanon, and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof *and* the choice fir trees thereof; and I will enter into the height of his border *and* the forest of his Carmel.

25 I have dug and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet shall I dry up all the rivers of sustenance.

26 Hast thou not heard long ago *how* I have done it *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? Now I have brought it to pass, that thou should be to lay waste defenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

27 And their inhabitants, of little strength, dismayed and confounded shall be *as* the grass of the field and *as* the green shrub *as* the grass on the housetops, that before it comes to maturity it is dried up.

28 I have understood thy state, thy going out and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

29 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou didst come.

30 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this* year such as grows of itself; and the second year that which springs of the same: and in the third year ye shall sow and shall reap and shall plant vineyards and shall eat the fruit thereof.

31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward:

32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant and from Mount Zion shall come an escape; the zeal of the LORD of the hosts shall do this.

33 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

35 For I will defend this city to save it for my own sake and for my slave David's sake.

36 Then the angel of the LORD went forth and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went and returned and dwelt at Nineveh.

38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat and Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

Isaiah 38

1 ¶ In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz came unto him and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die and not live.

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and prayed unto the LORD,

3 And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

4 Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,

5 Go and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer; I have seen thy tears behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city.

7 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee from the LORD that the LORD will do this thing that he has spoken:

8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

9 ¶ The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and was recovered of his sickness:

10 I said in the cutting off of my days; I shall go to the gates of Sheol: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

11 I said, I shall not see JAH, *even* JAH, in the land of the living; I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

12 My dwelling place has been moved and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent; he has cut off my life like a weaver: he has cut me off with sickness: between the day and the night thou shalt consume me.

13 I reckoned that I had until morning. As a lion, he broke all my bones: from the morning *even* unto the night thou shalt make an end of me.

14 Like a crane *or* a swallow, so did I complain; I mourned as a dove; I raised my eyes upward, O LORD, I am suffering violence; comfort me.

15 What shall I say? He has both spoken unto me, and *he* himself has done *it*; I shall walk softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

16 O Lord, even unto all those that shall live, *in these fifteen years I shall proclaim* the life of my spirit in them and how thou caused me to sleep, and *afterwards* hast given me life.

17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness; but it has pleased thee to *deliver* my life from the pit of corruption, for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

18 For the grave shall not confess thee, nor shall death praise thee; nor shall those that go down into the pit wait for thy truth.

19 He who lives, he who lives, even he shall confess thee, as I *do* this day; the father to the sons shall make known thy truth.

20 The LORD *is ready* to save me: therefore we will sing our psalms in the house of the LORD all the days of our life.

21 Isaiah then said, Let them take a lump of figs and lay *it* for a plaster upon the boil and he shall be healed.

22 And Hezekiah had said, What *is* the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

Isaiah 39

1 ¶ At that time Merodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and presents to Hezekiah, for he had heard that he had been sick and was recovered.

2 And Hezekiah rejoiced with them and showed them the house of his precious things, the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious ointments and all the house of his weapons and all that was found in his treasures; there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.

3 Then Isaiah the prophet came unto king Hezekiah and said unto him, What did these men say? and from where did they come unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, *even* from Babylon.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that *is* in my house have they seen; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them.

5 ¶ Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear *the* word of the LORD of the hosts:

6 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house and *that* which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, At least there shall be peace and truth in my days.

Isaiah 40

1 ¶ Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak ye according to the heart of Jerusalem and cry unto her that her time is now fulfilled that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

3 ¶ The voice *of him* that cries in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places made plain:

5 And the glory of the LORD shall be manifested, and all flesh shall see *it* together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken *it*.

6 *The* voice that said, Cry. And *I* said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the mercy thereof *is* as the open flower of the field:

7 The grass withers, the flower fades because the spirit of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people *is* grass.

8 The grass withers, the open flower fades; but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

9 ¶ O Zion, that brings good tidings, go up into the high mountain; lift up thy voice with strength O bearer of good tidings of Jerusalem; lift *it* up, do not be afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with *a* strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him.

11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry *them* in his bosom *and* shall gently lead those that are with young.

12 ¶ Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and prepared the heavens with his palm and with three fingers measured the dust of the earth and weighed the mountains in a balance and the hills with weights?

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD or *being* his counsellor has taught him?

14 With whom took he counsel, and *who* instructed him? Who taught him in the path of judgment and taught him knowledge and showed unto him the way of intelligence?

15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he causes the isles to disappear as dust.

16 And all Lebanon *is* not sufficient for the fire, nor all the beasts thereof sufficient for the sacrifice.

17 All the Gentiles *are* as nothing before him, and they are counted to him as vanity and *as* less than nothing.

18 ¶ To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

19 The workman prepares the graven image, and the goldsmith spreads it over with gold and *casts* silver chains.

20 He that *is* so impoverished that he has no oblation chooses a tree *that* will not rot; he seeks unto himself a cunning workman to prepare a graven image *that* shall not be moved.

21 Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not been taught since the land was founded?

22 He is seated upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; he stretches out the heavens as *a* curtain and spreads them out as *a* tent to dwell in:

23 He brings the powerful to nothing; he makes the judges of the earth as if they had never been,

24 As if they had never been planted, as if they had never been sown, as if their stock had never taken root in the earth; even blowing upon them, they wither, and the whirlwind takes them away as stubble.

25 To whom then will ye liken me, or what shall ye compare me to? saith the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high and behold who has created these *things*; he brings out his host by number; he calls them all by their names; none shall be lacking by the greatness of his might and by the strength of *his* power.

27 ¶ Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest *thou*, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

28 Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard *that* the God of the age is the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth? He does not faint, nor is *he* weary; and there is no one that can attain to his intelligence.

29 He gives power to the faint; and to *those that have* no might he increases strength.

30 The young men faint and are weary; the children stumble and fall;

31 but those that wait for the LORD shall have new strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 41

1 ¶ Listen unto me, O islands; and let the peoples strengthen themselves; let them come near; then let them speak; let us come near together to judgment.

2 Who raised up righteousness from the east, called him that he might follow him, gave the Gentiles before him, and made *him* rule over kings? He gave *them* as the dust to his sword *and* as driven stubble to his bow.

3 He pursued them *and* passed in peace by the way *that* his feet had never entered.

4 Who has wrought and done *it*? Who calls the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and I, myself am with those who are last.

5 The isles saw *it* and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid; they congregated and came.

6 Each one helped his neighbour; and *each one* said to his brother, Be of good courage.

7 So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, *and* he that smooths *with* the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It *is* well joined and he strengthened it with nails, *that* it should not be moved.

8 But thou, Israel, my slave, Jacob whom I have chosen, *art* the seed of Abraham my friend.

9 For I have taken thee from the ends of the earth and called thee from the boundaries thereof and said unto thee Thou *shalt be* my slave; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

10 ¶ Do not fear for I *am* with thee; do not be dismayed, for I *am* thy God, who strengthens thee; I will help thee always; I will always uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

11 Behold, all those that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing; and those that strive with thee shall perish.

12 Thou shalt seek them and shalt not find them, *even* those that contended with thee; those that war against thee shall be as nothing and as a thing of nought.

13 For I *am* the LORD thy God that holds thy right hand saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, ye dead of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15 Behold, I have placed thee as a threshing instrument, as a new *sharp* threshing instrument having teeth; thou shalt thresh the mountains and beat *them* small and shalt make the hills as chaff.

16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them; but thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, thou shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

17 The poor and needy seek the waters that are not; their tongue fails for thirst; I the LORD will hear them; *I* the God of Israel will not forsake them.

18 I will open rivers in high places and fountains in the midst of the plains; I will turn the wilderness into pools of water and the dry land into springs of water.

19 I will bring forth in the wilderness cedars, thorns, myrtles, and olive trees; I will set in the desert the fir tree *and* the pine and the box tree together:

20 That they may see and know and take warning and understand together that the hand of the LORD does this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

21 ¶ Explain your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your foundations, saith the King of Jacob.

22 Let them bring forth and declare unto us what shall happen; tell us what has happened from the beginning, and we shall consider it in our hearts; and we shall know what his end shall be, and cause us to understand that which is to come.

23 Give us news of that which is to come hereafter that we may know that ye *are* gods; or at least do good or do evil that we may have something to tell, and together we shall marvel.

24 Behold, ye *are* of nothing and your works of vanity; an abomination is *he that* chooses you.

25 I have raised up *one* from the north, and he came from the rising of the sun; he called in my name and came unto princes as *upon* clay and as the

potter treads clay.

26 Who has declared from the beginning, that we shall know? and beforetime that we shall say, *He is* righteous? yea, *there is* no one that declares this, yea, *there is* no one that teaches, yea, *there is* no one that hears your words.

27 I *am* the first that has taught these things unto Zion, and unto Jerusalem I brought the news.

28 For I beheld, and *there was* no one; and *I asked* regarding these things, and *there was* no counsellor; I asked them, and they did not answer a word.

29 Behold, they *are* all vanity; their works *are* nothing: their molten images *are* wind and confusion.

Isaiah 42

1 ¶ Behold my slave, whom I uphold; my elect, *in whom* my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he shall give judgment unto the Gentiles.

2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the streets.

3 He shall not break a bruised reed, nor shall he quench the smoking flax; he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

4 He shall not tire nor faint until he has set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his law.

5 ¶ Thus saith God the LORD, the Creator of the heavens and he that stretches them out; he that spreads forth the earth and that which comes out of it; he that gives breath unto the people upon it and spirit to those that walk therein:

6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness and will hold thee by thine hand; I will keep thee and place thee as *my* covenant unto the people as light unto *the* Gentiles

7 that thou might open *the* eyes of *the* blind, that thou might bring out the prisoners from the prison *and* those that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

8 I *am* the LORD. This *is* my name, and my glory I will not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and I declare new things: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10 Sing unto the LORD a new song *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea and all that is therein, the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages *that* Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout {Heb. command} from the top of the mountains.

12 Let them give glory unto the LORD and declare his praise in the islands.

13 ¶ The LORD shall go forth as a giant; he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war; he shall cry *out* a battle cry; he shall prevail against his enemies.

14 I have long time held my peace; I have been still *and* refrained myself; *now* will I cry *out* like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.

15 I will make waste mountains and hills and dry up all their grass, and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

16 And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will cause them to walk in paths *that* they have not known; I will make darkness light before them and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and not forsake them.

17 They shall be turned back; they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye *are* our gods.

18 ¶ Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.

19 Who *is* blind, but my slave? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? Who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the slave of the LORD,

20 who sees many things and does not warn; who opens his ears and does not hear.

21 The LORD, jealous for his righteousness, will magnify the law and enlarge *it*.

22 Therefore this people *is* robbed and spoiled; all of them shall be snared in holes and hid in prison houses; they shall be for a prey, and no one delivers; for a spoil, and no one saith, Restore.

23 Who among you will give ear to this? *Who* will warn and consider regarding the time to come?

24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil and Israel to the robbers? Did not the LORD? Because we sinned against him, and they did not desire to walk in his ways, neither did they hearken unto his law.

25 Therefore he has poured upon him the fury of his anger and the strength of battle; he put fire round about him, yet he was careless; and it set him on fire, yet he did not lay *it* to heart.

Isaiah 43

1 ¶ But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Do not fear, for I have redeemed thee, I have named thee; Thou *art* mine.

2 When thou dost pass through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou dost walk through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

3 For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Keeper; I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

4 Because thou wast precious in my sight, thou wast worthy of honour, and I have loved thee.

5 Do not fear; for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy generation from the east and gather thee from the west;

6 I will say to the north *wind*, Give up, and to the south, Do not keep back; bring my sons from far and my daughters from the ends of the earth

7 *even* every one that is called by my name, for I have created them for my glory; I have formed them; *yea*, I have made them.

8 ¶ Bring forth the people that is blind that have eyes and the deaf that have ears.

9 Let all the Gentiles be gathered together as one, and let the peoples be joined; who among them can declare this and show us former things? Let them bring forth their witnesses that they may be justified or let them hear and say, *It is truth*.

10 Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my slave whom I have chosen that ye may know and believe me and understand that I *am* he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and beside me *there is* no saviour.

12 I have declared and have saved, and I have showed when *there was* no strange *god* among you; therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God.

13 Even before the day *was* I existed; and *there is* no one that can deliver out of my hand; *if* I work, who shall hinder it?

14 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon and caused fugitives to descend unto all of them and *the* clamour of Chaldeans in the ships.

15 I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

16 Thus saith the LORD, who makes a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters;

17 *when* he brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall fall together, and never rise; they are extinct; they are quenched as wick.

18 Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; it shall come to light quickly; shall ye not know it? I will again make a way in the wilderness *and* rivers in the desert.

20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls because I give waters in the wilderness *and* rivers in the desert to give drink to my people, my chosen.

21 This people I have formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.

22 ¶ But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.

23 Thou hast not brought me the animals of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.

24 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices, but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins; thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

25 I, *even* I, *am* he that uproots thy rebellions for mine own sake and will not remember thy sins.

26 Cause me to remember; let us enter into judgment together; declare, thou, that it may be put to thy account.

27 Thy first father sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.

28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary and have set up Jacob as anathema, and Israel as a reproach.

Isaiah 44

1 ¶ Yet now hear, O Jacob my slave and Israel, whom I have chosen:

2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee and formed thee from the womb, *who* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my slave, and thou, Jeshurun, {Heb. the upright one} whom I have chosen.

3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon thy seed and my blessing upon thine offspring:

4 And they shall spring up *as* among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

5 One shall say, I *am* the LORD's; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto the LORD and surname *himself* by the name of Israel.

6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel and his redeemer, the LORD of the hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.

7 And who shall call as I *do* and declare this *in advance* and set it in order for me, since I made the people of the world? Let them declare unto them the things that are near and the things that shall come.

8 Do not fear, neither be afraid; have I not caused thee to hear from of old and declared unto thee beforehand *that which was to come*? Then ye *are* my witnesses that there is no God but me, and *there is* no Strong One that I do not know.

9 ¶ Those that make a graven image *are* all of them vanity; and that which is most precious to them is useful for nothing; and they *are* their own witnesses that they do not see, nor understand; therefore, they shall be ashamed.

10 Who has formed God? And who cast a graven image *that* is profitable for nothing?

11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed; for the workmen, they *are* of men; even if all of them are gathered together and stand, they shall fear and shall be ashamed together.

12 The smith *shall take* the tongs; he shall work among the coals; he shall give it form with the hammers and bring forth in it the arm of his strength; though *he is* hungry and his strength fails: he shall not drink water, even if he faints.

13 The carpenter stretches out *his* rule; he measures it with a line; he fits it with planes; he marks it out with the compass; he makes it after the form of a *noble* man, in the likeness of *the* beauty of *a* man; that it may remain in the house.

14 He shall hew down cedars and take the cypress and the oak, and he shall strengthen himself with the trees of the forest; he shall plant a fir tree, which shall be nourished with the rain.

15 The man shall then use of it for firewood; for he will take thereof and warm himself; he will kindle *it* and bake bread; he will also make a god and worship *it*; he will fabricate an idol and shall kneel down before it.

16 He shall burn part of it in the fire; with *another* part thereof he shall eat flesh; he shall roast meat and shall satisfy himself. Afterwards he shall warm *himself* and say, Aha, I have warmed myself, I have seen fire;

17 the residue of it he turns into god, into his graven image; he humbles himself before it and worships *it* and prays unto it and says, Deliver me; for thou *art* my god.

18 They did not know nor understand; for *he* has anointed their eyes that they not see *and* their hearts that they not understand.

19 He does not return to his right mind; he does not have knowledge nor intelligence to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; I have also baked bread upon the coals of it; I have roasted flesh and eaten *it* and shall I make the residue of it an abomination? Do I have to humble myself before the trunk of a tree?

20 The ashes feed *him*; his deceived heart inclines him, that he not deliver his soul and say, *Is* not the lie at my right hand?

21 ¶ Remember these things, O Jacob and Israel: that thou *art* my slave: I have formed thee; thou *art* my slave, O Israel, do not forget me.

22 I have undone, as a cloud, thy rebellions, and thy sins, as a mist, return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

23 Sing praises, O ye heavens; for the LORD has done *it*; shout with joy, ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into praise, ye mountains, O forest, and

every tree therein, for the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and in Israel he shall be glorified.

24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that makes all *things*, that stretches forth the heavens alone, that spreads abroad the earth by myself;

25 that undoes the signs of the fortune tellers and makes the diviners mad; that turns the wise *men* backward and makes their wisdom fade away;

26 that awakes the word of his slave and fulfills the counsel of his messengers, that says unto Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up thy ruins

27 that says to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers

28 that calls Cyrus, my shepherd, and all that I desire, he shall fulfil, by saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Isaiah 45

1 ¶ Thus saith the LORD to his Messiah, to Cyrus, whom I have taken by his right hand to subdue Gentiles before him and to loose the loins of kings. To open before him the *two-leaved* gates; and the gates shall not be shut:

2 I will go before thee and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

3 And I will give thee the hidden treasures and the well-guarded secrets that thou may know that I *am* the LORD, the God of Israel, who gives *thee* thy name.

4 For Jacob my slave's sake and Israel my elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

5 ¶ I am the LORD, and *there is* no one else; *there is* no God beside me; I shall gird thee, though thou hast not known me

6 that it may be known from the rising of the sun and from where it goes down that *there is* no one beside me. I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no one else.

7 I form the light and create darkness; I make peace and create evil: I *am* the LORD that does all this.

8 Release, ye heavens, from above, and the clouds shall pour down righteousness; let the earth open *up*, and let salvation and righteousness bear their fruit; let them produce *fruit* together; I the LORD have created it.

9 Woe unto him that strives with his Maker! *Let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashions it, What doth thou make; thy work *has* no form?

10 Woe unto him that says unto *his* father, Why dost thou beget? or to the woman, Why hast thou brought forth?

11 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come; inquire of me concerning my sons and concerning the work of my hands.

12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it, I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens and I have commanded all their host.

13 I have awakened him in righteousness, and I will make straight all his ways; he shall build my city, and he shall loose my captives, not for price nor for bribes, saith the LORD of the hosts.

14 Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee; they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, Surely God *is* in thee; and *there is* no one else; *there is* none other beside God.

15 Verily thou *art* God, that thou *might* hide thyself; God of Israel, who saves.

16 They shall be ashamed and also confounded, all of them; all the makers of idols shall go forth ashamed.

17 Israel is saved in the LORD, eternal salvation; ye shall never be ashamed nor confounded through all ages.

18 For thus has the LORD said that creates the heavens; God himself that forms the earth, he who made it and established it. He did not create it in vain; he created it to be inhabited; I *am* the LORD; and *there is* no one else.

19 I have not spoken in secret in *a* dark place of the earth. Not without substance did I say unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me; I *am* the LORD who speaks righteousness, who declares things that are right.

20 ¶ Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, all ye *that are* escaped of the Gentiles. They have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image and pray unto the god *that* does not save.

21 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; *yea*, let them take counsel together; who caused this to be heard from the beginning and has declared it from that time, except me, the LORD? and *there is* no God beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* no one besides me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I *am* God, and *there is* no one else.

23 I have sworn by myself; the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow; every tongue shall swear.

24 And unto me he shall say, Surely in the LORD *is* the righteousness and the strength; until he shall come; and all that are incensed against him shall

be ashamed.

25 In the LORD shall all the generation of Israel be justified and shall glory.

Isaiah 46

1 ¶ Bel bowed down; Nebo is fallen; their images were placed *upon* animals and upon beasts *of burden* that will carry you, laden with yourselves, burden of weariness.

2 They stoop, they are fallen together; they could not escape from the burden, and their soul had to go into captivity.

3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne *by me* from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

4 And *even* to *your* old age I *am* he, and *even* to grey hairs I will carry *you*; I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will deliver *you*.

5 ¶ To whom will ye liken me and make *me* equal and compare me that we may be alike?

6 They lavish gold out of the bag and weigh silver in the balance *and* hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a god; they fall down and worship.

7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him and set him in his place. There he is; he does not move from his place; they cry unto him, and neither does he answer, nor save from the tribulation.

8 Remember this, and be ashamed, bring *it* again to mind, O ye transgressors.

9 Remember the former things of old, for I *am* God, and *there is* no one else; *I am* God, and *there is* no one like me,

10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executes my counsel from a far country; I have spoken *it*; I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed *it*; I will also do it.

12 Hearken unto me, ye hard of heart, that *are* far from righteousness;

13 I cause my righteousness to come near; it shall not go away; and my salvation shall not be stayed: and I will place salvation in Zion; and my glory in Israel.

Isaiah 47

1 ¶ Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground, without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for thou shalt no longer be called tender and delicate.

2 Take the millstones and grind meal; uncover thy locks, remove the shoes from thy feet, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.

3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered and thy shame shall be seen; I will take vengeance, and I will not help *any* man.

4 As *for* our redeemer, the LORD of the hosts *is* his name, the Holy One of Israel.

5 Sit, be silent, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for thou shalt no longer be called, The lady of kingdoms.

6 I was wroth with my people; I have profaned my inheritance and given them into thine hand; thou didst show them no mercy; upon the ancient thou hast very heavily laid thy yoke.

7 ¶ And thou didst say, I shall be a lady for ever. Until now thou hast not laid these *things* to heart, neither didst thou remember thy latter end.

8 Therefore now hear this, *thou* delicate one, that dost sit in confidence and say in thine heart, I *am*, and no one else beside me; I shall not sit *as* a widow, neither shall I be fatherless.

9 But these two *things* shall come to thee in a moment in one day; the loss of thy fathers and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries *and* for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, No one sees me. Thy wisdom and thine *own* knowledge; it has deceived thee; for thou hast said in thine heart, I *am*, and no one else beside me.

11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from where it rises; and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and destruction shall come upon thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt not know.

12 Stand now with thine enchantments and with the multitude of thy sorceries in which thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be

able to better thyself, if so be thou may prevail.

13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now those that contemplate the heavens, those that speculate regarding the stars, those that teach the courses of the moon, stand up and defend thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee.

14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver their lives from the hand of the flame; *there shall* not be a coal left to warm at, *nor* light to sit before it.

15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, *even* thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander each one to his own way; there *shall be* no one to save thee.

Isaiah 48

1 ¶ Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, who call yourselves by the name of Israel, those that are come forth out of the waters of Judah, those who swear by the name of the LORD and make mention of the God of Israel, *but* not in truth, nor in righteousness.

2 For they call themselves of the holy city and stay themselves upon the God of Israel. The LORD of the hosts *is* his name.

3 That which happened, I have already declared many days ago; and it went forth out of my mouth, and I published it; I did *it* suddenly, and it came to pass.

4 Because I know that thou *art* obstinate, and thy neck *is* an iron sinew, and thy brow bronze;

5 I have already declared it many days ago; before it came to pass I showed *it to* thee: lest thou should say, My idol has done it, my graven image, and my molten image, has commanded these things.

6 Thou hast heard it, thou hast seen it all; and will ye not declare *it*? I have showed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

7 They are created now, and not in days past; nor before this day hast thou heard them lest thou should say, Behold, I knew them.

8 Certainly thou hast never heard this; certainly thou hast never known this; certainly thine ear was never before opened: for I knew that being unfaithful thou would disobey; therefore, I called thee a rebel from the womb.

9 ¶ For my name's sake I will defer my anger, and for my praise I will wait patiently for thee that I not cut thee off.

10 Behold, I have refined thee, and not as silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

11 For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, I will do *it*, for how should my *name* be profaned? and I will not give my glory unto another.

12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last.

13 Certainly my hand founded the earth, and my right hand measured the heavens with the palm; as I named them, they appeared together.

14 All ye, assemble yourselves and hear; who is there among them that declares these *things*? The LORD has loved him, the one who will execute his will on Babylon and his arm *upon* the Chaldeans.

15 I, *even* I, have spoken; I have called him: I have brought him, and therefore his way shall be prospered.

16 ¶ Come near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was done, I was there: and now the LORD God has sent me and his Spirit.

17 Thus has the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel said: I *am* the LORD thy God who teaches thee to profit, who causes thee to walk by the way *in which* thou dost walk.

18 O that thou would look unto my commandments! Then thy peace would be as a river and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

19 Thy seed would be as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name would never be cut off nor destroyed from before me.

20 Come out of Babylon, flee from among the Chaldeans. Give news of this with a voice of joy; publish this; take this *news* to the end of the earth; say, The LORD has redeemed his slave Jacob.

21 And they did not thirst *when* he led them through the deserts; he caused water to flow out of the rock for them; he clave the rock, and the waters gushed out.

22 *There is* no peace for the wicked, said the LORD.

Isaiah 49

1 ¶ Listen, O isles, unto me, and hearken, ye peoples, from far, The LORD has called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother he has remembered my name.

2 And he has made my mouth like a sharp sword; with the shadow of his hand he has covered me, and made me a clean arrow; in his quiver he has kept me.

3 And he said unto me, Thou *art* my slave, O Israel; in thee I will glory.

4 But I said, I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing, and in vain; *yet* surely my judgment *is* before the LORD and my recompense with my God.

5 And now, saith the LORD, he that formed me from the womb *to be* his slave, so that Jacob might be converted unto him. But *if* Israel will not be gathered, even so, yet I shall be esteemed in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou should be my slave to wake up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the desolations of Israel; I have also given thee for a light to the Gentiles that thou may be my saving health unto the end of the earth.

7 ¶ Thus has the LORD said, the Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, to him whom man despises, to him whom the Gentiles abhor, to the slave of the tyrants, Kings shall see and be raised up as princes and shall worship because of the LORD, for faithful is the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen thee.

8 Thus has the LORD said, In an acceptable time I have heard thee, and in the day of saving health I have helped thee; and I will preserve thee and give thee for a covenant of people, that thou might awaken the earth, that thou might inherit *the* desolate heritages;

9 that thou may say to the prisoners, Go forth; and unto those that *are* in darkness, Show yourselves. Upon the ways shall they be fed, and upon all the high places *shall be* their pastures.

10 They shall never hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that has mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of

water he shall feed them.

11 And I will turn all my mountains *into* a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

12 Behold, these shall come from far; and, behold, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

13 ¶ Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD has comforted his people and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, The LORD has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me.

15 Can a woman forget her sucking child that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Even though they may forget, I will not forget thee.

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; thy walls are continually before me.

17 Thy builders shall come in haste; thy destroyers and those that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

18 ¶ Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, *and* come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thyself with them all, as with a garment of honour and shalt be girded by them as a bride.

19 For thy waste and thy desolate places and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and those that destroyed thee shall be separated far away.

20 Even thy sons which were fatherless, shall say in thine ears, The place *is* too strait for me; give place to me that I may dwell.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who has begotten me these, seeing I had lost my children and *was* desolate, a stranger removed from my land? and who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where *had* they *been*?

22 Thus has the Lord GOD said, Behold, I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles and raise up my banner *as an example* to the peoples: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.

23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers and their princesses thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: for those that wait for me shall not be ashamed.

24 ¶ Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contends with thee, and I will save thy sons.

26 And I will feed those that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Isaiah 50

1 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's divorce, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors *is it* to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities ye are sold, and for your rebellions was your mother put away,

2 for I came, and no one showed himself; I called, and no one answered. Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stink because *there is* no water and die for thirst.

3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

4 ¶ The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of the wise that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is* weary; he wakes up early, early shall he awaken *my* ear, that I might hear, as the wise.

5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.

6 I gave my back to the smiters and my cheeks to those that plucked off the hair: I did not hide my face from shame and spitting.

7 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore, I was not ashamed; therefore, I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 He is near that justifies me; who will contend with me? let us stand together; who *is* my adversary? let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who *is* he *that* shall condemn me? behold, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

10 ¶ Who *is* among you that fears the LORD? Hearken unto the voice of his slave. He who walked *in* darkness and had no light; let him trust in the name of the LORD and stay upon his God.

11 Behold, that all of you kindle fire and are compassed about with sparks; walk in the light of your fire and of the sparks *that* ye have kindled. From my hand has come this; ye shall be buried in sorrow.

Isaiah 51

1 ¶ Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD; look unto the rock *from which* ye are hewn and to the hole of the pit *from which* ye are dug.

2 Look unto Abraham your father and unto Sarah *that* bore you; for I called him alone and blessed him and multiplied him.

3 For the LORD shall surely comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of singing.

4 ¶ Hearken unto me, my people, and give ear unto me, O my nation: for the law shall proceed from me, and I will uncover my judgment for a light of the peoples.

5 My righteousness *is* near; my saving health is gone forth, and my arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me; and on my arm shall they place their hope.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and those that dwell therein shall perish in like manner; but my saving health shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall never perish.

7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; do not fear the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their revilings.

8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my saving health from age to age.

9 ¶ Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in ages past. *Art* thou not he who cut off the proud *one*, and he who smote the dragon?

10 *Art* thou not he who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; he who turned the depths of the sea into a way, that the redeemed might pass over?

11 Therefore the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head; they shall obtain

gladness and joy; *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

12 I, *even* I, *am* he that comforts you. Who *art* thou that thou should be afraid of man that is mortal and of the son of man *which* shall be counted as stubble?

13 And thou hast already forgotten the LORD thy maker that has stretched forth the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth and hast feared continually every day the fury of the oppressor when he was ready to destroy. But, where *is* the fury of the oppressor?

14 The prisoner is anxious that he may be loosed and that he should not die in the pit nor that his bread should fail.

15 And I *am* the LORD thy God that divides the sea and the waves roar; I am thy God; the LORD of the hosts *is* his name.

16 That has placed my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee with the shadow of my hand, that thou may plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth and say unto Zion, Thou *art* my people.

17 ¶ Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling *and* wrung *them* out.

18 *There is* no one to guide her among all the sons *whom* she has brought forth; neither *is there any* that takes her by the hand of all the sons *that* she has brought up.

19 These two *things* are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword. Who shall comfort thee?

20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God.

21 Therefore now hear this, thou afflicted and drunken, but not with wine:

22 Thus has thy Lord said, I AM thy God who pleads the cause of his people; Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, *even* the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

23 But I will put it into the hand of those that afflict thee, which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground and as the street to those that went over.

Isaiah 52

1 ¶ Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for from now on the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no longer come into thee.

2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nothing; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

4 For thus has the Lord GOD said, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian captured them without cause.

5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nothing? And those among my people that take rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name is continually blasphemed every day.

6 Therefore my people shall know my name for this reason in that day: for even I that speak, behold, I shall be present.

7 ¶ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings good tidings, that publishes peace, that brings good tidings of good, that publishes saving health, that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigns!

8 The voice of thy watchmen! They shall lift up the voice; together they shall rejoice: for they shall see eye to eye, how the LORD shall return to bring again Zion.

9 Sing praises, rejoice together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD has made bare the arm of his holiness before the eyes of all the Gentiles; and all the ends of the earth shall see the saving health of our God.

11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from there, touch no unclean *thing*; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will gather you together.

13 ¶ Behold, my slave shall be prospered; he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

14 As many rejected thee, in such manner was his likeness and his beauty, disfigured from the sons of men:

15 But he shall sprinkle many Gentiles; the kings shall shut their mouths over him: for *that* which had not been told them they shall see; and *that* which they had not heard they shall understand.

Isaiah 53

1 ¶ Who shall believe our report? and upon whom shall the arm of the LORD be manifested?

2 With all this he shall grow up before him as a tender sprout and as a root out of a dry ground. There is no outward appearance in him, nor beauty. We shall see him, yet nothing attractive about him that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected among men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with weakness; and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 ¶ Surely he has borne our sicknesses and suffered our pain: and we considered him stricken, smitten of God, and cast down.

5 But he *was* wounded for our rebellions; *he was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and by his stripes healing was provided for us.

6 All we like sheep have become lost; we have turned each one to his own way; and the LORD transposed in him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he did not open his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment; and who shall count his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the rebellion of my people he was smitten.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and his death with the rich; even though he had never done evil, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

10 ¶ With all this the LORD chose to bruise him; subjecting him to grief. When he shall have offered his soul for atonement, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the will of the LORD shall be prospered in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul *and* shall be satisfied. And by his knowledge shall my righteous slave justify many, for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil unto the strong because he has poured out his soul unto death, and he was numbered with the rebellious, having borne the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 54

1 ¶ Rejoice, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud with joy, thou *that* didst not travail with child: for more *shall be* the sons of the desolate than the sons of the married wife, said the LORD.

2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

3 for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

5 For thy Maker *shall be* thine husband; the LORD of the hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

6 ¶ For as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit has the LORD called thee, and *as* a young woman who is put away, said thy God.

7 For a small moment I have forsaken thee; but with great mercies I will gather thee.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with eternal mercy I will have compassion on thee, said the LORD thy Redeemer.

9 For this *is as* the waters of Noah unto me: for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so I have sworn that I would not be wroth *again* with thee, nor reprehend thee.

10 For the mountains shall be removed, and the hills shall tremble; but my mercy shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be changed, said the LORD that has mercy on thee.

11 ¶ O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted, behold, I will cement thy stones upon carbuncle and lay thy foundations upon sapphires.

12 And I will make thy windows of precious stones, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of stones of great price.

13 And all thy sons *shall be* taught of the LORD; and the peace of thy sons shall be multiplied.

14 With righteousness shalt thou be adorned: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear *it*; and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

15 If anyone should conspire against thee, it *shall be* without me, whosoever would conspire against thee shall fall before thee.

16 Behold, I have created the smith that blows the coals in the fire, and that brings forth the instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the slaves of the LORD, and their justice from me, said the LORD.

Isaiah 55

1 ¶ Ho, every one that thirsts, come ye to the waters, and he that has no money; come ye, buy, and eat; come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Why do ye spend money for *that which* is not bread? and your labour for *that which* does not satisfy? Harken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which* is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an eternal covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the peoples, a captain and teacher to the peoples.

5 Behold, thou shalt call a people *that* thou knowest not, and Gentiles *that* did not know thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God and for the Holy One of Israel, for he has honoured thee.

6 ¶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts *are* not *as* your thoughts, neither *are* your ways *as* my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts more than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain comes down, and the snow from the heavens, and does not return there, but waters the earth and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my Word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall be prospered in that for which I sent it.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be returned with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an eternal sign *that* shall not be cut off.

Isaiah 56

1 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do righteousness: for my saving health *is* near to come, and my righteousness to be manifested.

2 Blessed *is* the man *that* does this, and the son of man *that* lays hold on it; that keeps from polluting the sabbath, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.

3 ¶ Neither let the son of the stranger that has joined himself to the LORD speak, saying, The LORD shall utterly separate me from his people: nor let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree.

4 For thus has the LORD said unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose *the things* that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5 even unto them will I give in my house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall never be cut off.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and that love the name of the LORD, to be his slaves, every one that keeps from polluting the sabbath, and takes hold of my covenant;

7 even them will I bring to the mountain of my holiness, and refresh them in the house of my prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon my altar; for my house shall be called, House of prayer for all peoples.

8 The Lord GOD who gathers the outcasts of Israel says, I will still gather upon him his gathered ones.

9 ¶ All ye beasts of the field, all ye beasts of the forest; come to devour.

10 His watchmen *are* blind: they are all ignorant; they *are* all dumb dogs; they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, they love to slumber.

11 And these anxious dogs are insatiable, and even the shepherds did not know enough to understand: they all look to their own ways, each one for his gain, from his quarter.

12 Come ye, say *they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, *or* much more excellent.

Isaiah 57

1 ¶ The righteous perishes, and no man lays *it* to heart: and merciful men *are* taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil *to come*.

2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, *each one* walking in his uprightness.

3 ¶ But come here, ye sons of the sorceress, generation of the adulterer and the whore.

4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? Against whom do ye make a wide mouth, *and* draw out the tongue? *Are* ye not rebellious sons, a lying seed of transgression,

5 inflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?

6 Among the smooth *stones* of the valley *is* thy portion; they, they *are* thy lot: even unto them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a present. Should I not avenge these things?

7 Upon the lofty and high mountain thou hast set thy bed: even there thou didst go up to offer sacrifice.

8 Behind the doors also and the posts thou hast set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered *thyself to another* than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed and made thee *a covenant* with them; thou didst love their bed wherever thou didst see *it*.

9 And thou didst go to the king with ointment and didst multiply thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase *thyself even* unto Sheol.

10 Thou became wearied in the multitude of thy ways; *yet* thou didst not say, There is no remedy: thou hast found that which thou wast searching for; therefore thou repented not.

11 And of whom hast thou revered or feared? Why dost thou lie; that thou hast not remembered me, nor have I come to thy thought? Have I not held my peace even of old, and thou hast never feared me?

12 I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.

13 ¶ When thou criest, let thy companions deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take *them*: but he that waits in me shall have the land by inheritance and shall possess the mountain of my holiness.

14 And shall say, Clear away, clear away, level the way, take away the stumblingblocks out of the way of my people.

15 For thus has said the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose name is The Holy One; I dwell in the high place and in holiness and with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit to cause the spirit of the humble to live and to cause the heart of the contrite ones to live.

16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for by me is the spirit covered by the body, and I have made the souls.

17 ¶ For the iniquity of his covetousness I was wroth and smote him: I hid *my face* and was wroth, and he went on rebelliously in the way of his heart.

18 I have seen his ways and will heal him: I will lead him also and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is* far off and to *him that is* near, said the LORD; and healed him.

20 But the wicked *are* like the sea in tempest, that cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 *There is* no peace, saith my God, for the wicked.

Isaiah 58

1 ¶ Cry aloud, do not hold back; lift up thy voice like a shofar and preach to my people their rebellion and to the house of Jacob their sin.

2 That they seek me daily and want to know my ways, as people that do righteousness and have not forsaken the rights of their God: they ask me of the rights of righteousness and desire to approach God.

3 ¶ Why have we fasted, *they say*, and thou dost not see? *why* have we afflicted our soul, and thou dost take no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find *your own* pleasure and exact your own estates.

4 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as *ye do this* day to make your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? *is it* to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*? wilt thou call this a fast and an acceptable day to the LORD?

6 *Is* not rather the fast that I have chosen, to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the ties of oppression, to release *into freedom* those who are broken, and that ye break every yoke?

7 *Is it* not to share thy bread with the hungry and that thou bring the poor that are cast out into thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou not hide thyself from thy brother?

8 ¶ Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall gather thee.

9 Then shalt thou call, and thou shalt hear the LORD; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I *am*. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

10 and *if* thou pour out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noonday:

11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

12 And *they* shall build up out of thee the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the *fallen* foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

13 ¶ If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, *from* doing thy will on my holy day; and call the sabbath *the* delightful, holy, glorious *day* of the LORD; and shalt honour him by not doing thine own ways, nor seeking thine own will, nor speaking *thine own* words:

14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth and cause thee to eat of the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD has spoken *it*.

Isaiah 59

1 ¶ Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips pronounce lies; your tongue speaks evil.

4 No one calls for righteousness, nor *do any* judge by the truth; they trust in vanity, and speak vanities; they conceive trouble and bring forth iniquity.

5 They hatch cockatrice' eggs and weave the spider's web; whosoever shall eat of their eggs shall die, and if they should squeeze them, a viper shall come out.

6 Their cloth is unfit to be a garment, neither shall they cover themselves with their works; their works *are* works of violence, and the work of iniquity is in their hands.

7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are their paths.

8 The way of peace they did not know; nor is there anything straight about their ways; they have wilfully made themselves crooked paths; whosoever goes therein shall not know peace.

9 ¶ Therefore judgment has withdrawn from us, and righteousness has never overtaken us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, *but* we walk in darkness.

10 We grope for the wall like the blind, and as if *we had* no eyes we walk by touch; we stumble at noonday as in the night; *we are* in graves as dead *men*.

11 We all roar like bears and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but *there is* none; for saving health, *but* it has withdrawn from us.

12 For our rebellions are multiplied before thee, and our sins have testified against us; for our iniquities *are* with us; and we know our sins:

13 To rebel and to lie against the LORD, and to depart away from our God; the speaking of libel and rebellion, to conceive, and to speak from the heart words of falsehood,

14 and that which is right has departed, and righteousness withdrew afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity could not enter.

15 And the truth was taken captive; and he *that* departed from evil was imprisoned: and the LORD saw *it*, and it was displeasing in his eyes because that which is right was lost.

16 ¶ And he saw that *there was* no man and wondered that *there was* no intercessor; therefore his arm brought salvation unto him, and his righteousness, it sustained him.

17 For he put on righteousness as a coat of mail, and a helmet of saving health upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing and was clad with zeal as a cloak,

18 so as to give payment, so as to repay the vengeance of his enemies, and repay his adversaries; to the islands he will give recompense.

19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he shall come like a violent river impelled by the breath {Spirit} of the LORD.

20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion and unto those that turn from the rebellion in Jacob, said the LORD.

21 And this shall be my covenant with them, said the LORD; My spirit that *is* upon thee, and my words, which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from now on and for ever.

Isaiah 60

1 ¶ Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And the Gentiles shall walk to thy light, and the kings to the brightness of thy birth.

4 Lift up thine eyes round about and see: they all gather themselves together; they come to thee; thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

5 Then thou shall see, and thou shall shine, and thine heart shall marvel, and be enlarged because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the strength of the Gentiles shall have come unto thee.

6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the LORD.

7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, rams of Nebaioth shall be served unto thee: they shall be offered up with grace upon my altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

8 Who *are* these *that* fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

9 ¶ For the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish from the first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified thee.

10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall serve thee; for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my good favour I shall have mercy on thee.

11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that the strength of the Gentiles may be brought unto thee, and their kings guided.

12 For the people or the kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish and shall be utterly wasted.

13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will honour the place of my feet.

14 The sons also of those that afflicted thee shall come humbled unto thee; and at the steps of thy feet all those that despised thee shall bow themselves down; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 ¶ Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through *thee*, I will place thee in eternal glory, in joy from generation to generation.

16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of the kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for the stones iron; I will also put peace *in the place of* thy government, and righteousness *in the place of* thine oppressors.

18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Saving Health and thy gates Praise.

19 The sun shall no longer be thy light by day; nor shall the moon give light unto thee for brightness; but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light and thy God thy glory.

20 Thy sun shall set no more; neither shall thy moon wane: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21 And thy people *shall all be* righteous; they shall inherit the land for ever; they shall be shoots of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22 The small one *shall be* as a thousand; the youngest as a strong nation; I the LORD will hasten it in its time.

Isaiah 61

1 ¶ The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to preach good tidings unto those who are cast down; to bind up *the wounds* of the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *those that are bound*;

2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and *the* day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 to order in Zion those that mourn, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

4 ¶ And they shall build the old wastes; they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall restore the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD; *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God; ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and with their glory ye shall be lifted up.

7 Instead of your double shame, and your dishonour, they shall praise you in your inheritance; therefore in your land ye shall possess double, and ye shall have everlasting joy.

8 For I the LORD love *that which is* right, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will confirm your work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles and their offspring among the peoples; all that saw them shall acknowledge them that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD has blessed.

10 ¶ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of saving health; he has surrounded me with the robe of righteousness; as a bridegroom he has arrayed me, and as a bride made up of his jewels.

11 For as the earth brings forth her shoot and as the garden causes her seed to spring forth so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the Gentiles.

Isaiah 62

1 ¶ For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace; and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until her righteousness goes forth as brightness and her saving health is lit as a flaming torch.

2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness and all the kings thy glory; and thou shalt be given *a* new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 Thou shalt no longer be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any longer be termed Desolate; but thou shalt be called Hephzibah {Heb. my will in her} and thy land Beulah; {Heb. married} for the will of the LORD *shall be* in thee, and thy land shall be married.

5 For *as* a young man marries a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee; and *as* the bridegroom rejoices with the bride, so shall thy God rejoice with thee.

6 ¶ I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall never hold their peace day nor night; ye that make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent

7 and give him no rest, until he establishes and until he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

8 The LORD has sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no longer give thy wheat *to be* food for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for which thou hast laboured:

9 But those that have gathered it shall eat it and praise the LORD; and those that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

10 ¶ Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; clear up, clear up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a banner *as an example* for the people.

11 Behold, the LORD has caused it to be heard unto the end of the earth; Say unto the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy Saviour comes; behold that his reward *is* with him, and his work before him.

12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD;
and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Isaiah 63

1 ¶ Who *is* this that comes from Edom, with red garments from Bozrah? This glorious *one* in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Why *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treads in the winefat {Place where grapes are tread}?

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the peoples *there was* no one with me; for I have trodden them with my anger and have trampled them with my fury; and their blood sprinkled my garments and stained all my raiment.

4 For the day of vengeance *is* in my heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

5 And I looked, and *there was* no one to help; and I wondered that *there was* no one to uphold *me*; therefore my own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

6 And I have trampled down the people with my anger and made them drunk in my fury, and I brought down their strength to the earth.

7 ¶ I will mention the mercies of the LORD *and* the praises of the LORD according to all that the LORD has bestowed on us and the greatness of his goodness toward the house of Israel, which he has bestowed on them according to his mercies and according to the multitude of his mercies.

8 For he said, Surely they *are* my people, sons *that* do not lie: and he was their Saviour.

9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the Angel of his face saved them: with his love and with his clemency he redeemed them; and he bore them and carried them all the days of the age.

10 But they were rebels and angered his holy Spirit; therefore, he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he himself fought against them.

11 Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses, *and* his people, *saying*, Where *is* he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? Where *is* he that put his Holy Spirit within him?

12 He that led *them* by the right hand of Moses with the arm of his glory, he who divided the water before them, thus making himself an everlasting name.

13 He that led them through the deep, as *a* horse in the wilderness, they never stumbled.

14 The Spirit of the LORD pastored them as a beast that goes down into the valley; so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

15 ¶ Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory; where *is* thy zeal and thy strength, the feeling of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?

16 Doubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel not acknowledge us; thou, O LORD, *art* our father; our everlasting Redeemer is thy name.

17 O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways? Hast thou hardened our heart to thy fear? Return for thy slaves, for the tribes of thine inheritance.

18 The people of thy holiness have possessed *the promised land* but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.

19 We have been like those over whom thou didst never rule, who were never called by thy name.

Isaiah 64

1 ¶ Oh that thou would rend the heavens, that thou would come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

2 as *when* the melting fire burns, the fire causes the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* the Gentiles may tremble at thy presence!

3 As thou didst come down when thou didst terrible things *which* we did not look for, *that* the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

4 Nor have *men* heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither has the eye seen a God beside thee, that thou might do *it again* for the one who waits in him.

5 Thou didst come out to meet him that with rejoicing had worked righteousness. In thy ways they remembered thee. Behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: thy ways are eternal, and *we* shall be saved.

6 ¶ But we were all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses as filthy rags; and we all fell as the leaves *of a tree*; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

7 And *there is* none that calls upon thy name, that wakes himself up to take hold *of thee*; therefore, thou hast hid thy face from us and hast allowed us to wither in the power of our iniquities.

8 But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; such that we all *are* the work of thy hands.

9 Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever; behold, see, we beseech thee, we *are* all thy people.

10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

11 Our house of our Sanctuary and of our glory, where our fathers praised thee, was burned up with fire; and all our precious things were destroyed.

12 Wilt thou refrain thyself regarding these *things*, O LORD? Wilt thou hold thy peace and afflict us very sore?

Isaiah 65

1 ¶ I was sought of *those that* did not ask *for me*; I was found of *those that* did not seek me; I said, Here I am, Here I am, unto a people *that* did not invoke my name.

2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, who walk in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts;

3 a people that provokes me to anger continually to my face; that sacrifices in gardens, and burns incense upon altars of brick;

4 who remain *asleep* among the graves, and lodge in the deserts, who eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable *things is in* their vessels;

5 who say, Stand by thyself, do not come near to me; for I am holier than thou. These *are* a smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all the day.

6 Behold, *it is* written before me: I will not keep silence but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,

7 For your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, who have burned incense upon the mountains and blasphemed me upon the hills; therefore, I will measure their former work into their bosom.

8 ¶ Thus has the LORD said, As when *one* has found new wine in a cluster and says, Do not destroy it; for a blessing *is in it*; so will I do for my slaves' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains; and my elect shall possess the land for an inheritance, and my slaves shall dwell there.

10 And Sharon shall be for a fold of flocks and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

11 ¶ But ye that forsake the LORD, that forget the mountain of my holiness, that prepare a table unto fortune, and that furnish the drink offering for destiny;

12 I also will destine you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter because when I called, ye did not respond; I spoke, and ye did not hear, but did evil before my eyes and did choose that which displeased *me*.

13 Therefore thus has the Lord GOD said, Behold, my slaves shall eat, but ye shall be hungry; behold, my slaves shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; behold, my slaves shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

14 Behold, my slaves shall rejoice by the joy of *their* heart, but ye shall cry for the sorrow of *your* heart and shall howl for the destruction of spirit.

15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen; for the Lord GOD shall slay thee and call his slaves by another name.

16 He who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth because the former troubles shall be forgotten and shall be covered from my eyes.

17 ¶ For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18 But ye shall be glad and rejoice from age to age in the things which I shall create; for, behold, I create joy unto Jerusalem and unto her people joy.

19 And I will be glad with Jerusalem and rejoice with my people: and the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall no longer be there an infant of days, nor an old man that has not filled his days, for the child shall die one hundred years old; and he who sins at one hundred years of age shall be accursed.

21 And they shall build houses and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of the trees shall be the days of my people, and my elect shall perpetuate the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, nor give birth with fear; for their *births* are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring shall be with them.

24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall be fed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust *shall be* the serpent's food. They shall not afflict nor do evil in all my holy mountain, said the LORD.

Isaiah 66

1 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *shall remain* this house that ye built unto me? and where *shall remain* this place of my rest?

2 For all these *things* my hand has made, *by my hand* has these *things* been, said the LORD; but to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit and trembles at my word.

3 He that kills an ox *is as if* he slew a man; he that sacrifices a lamb *as if* he cut off a dog's neck; he that offers an oblation *as if he offered* swine's blood; he that burns incense *as if* he blessed iniquity. They have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations.

4 I also will choose their delusions and will bring their fears upon them because I called, and no one answered; I spoke, and they did not hear: but they did evil before my eyes and chose that which displeased *me*.

5 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hate you, that deny you for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified; but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

6 A voice of noise from the city, *a* voice of the temple, *a* voice of the LORD that renders recompense to his enemies.

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

8 Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth bring forth in one day? Shall an *entire* nation be born at once? that Zion travailed, and shall bring forth her sons together?

9 I, who causes conception, shall I not be with child? saith the LORD; I, who cause conception, shall I be stopped? saith thy God.

10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: be filled with joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the splendour of her glory.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream; then shall ye suck, ye

shall be borne upon *her* sides, and be dandled upon *her* knees.

13 As a man child whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14 And ye shall see, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his slaves and *his* indignation toward his enemies.

15 ¶ For, behold, the LORD will come with fire and with his chariots like a whirlwind to render his anger with fury and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For by fire and by his sword will the LORD judge all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be multiplied.

17 Those that sanctify themselves and purify themselves in the gardens, one behind another; those that eat swine's flesh and abomination and the mouse, shall be cut off together, saith the LORD.

18 For I *understand* their works and their thoughts. *The time* shall come to gather all the Gentiles and tongues; and they shall come and see my glory.

19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the Gentiles, *to* Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, *to* Tubal, and Javan, *to* the isles afar off, that have never heard my name, nor seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

20 And they shall bring all your brethren *for* an offering unto the LORD from among all the Gentiles, upon horses and in chariots and in litters and upon mules and upon camels to my holy mountain of Jerusalem, saith the LORD, so that the sons of Israel bring the offering in clean vessels to the house of the LORD.

21 And I will also take of them for priests *and* for Levites, saith the LORD.

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass *that* from one new moon to another and from one sabbath to another all flesh shall come to worship before me, said the LORD.

24 And they shall go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men that rebelled against me; for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

The Book of the Prophecies of
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Jeremiah 1

1 ¶ The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

2 To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

4 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the Gentiles.

6 Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I do not know how to speak: for I *am* a child.

7 But the LORD said unto me, Do not say, I *am* a child; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

8 Do not be afraid of their faces; for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

9 Then the LORD put forth his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

10 See, I have placed thee in this day over Gentiles and over kingdoms, to root out, and to destroy, and to throw out, and to cast down, to build, and to plant.

11 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.

12 Then the LORD said unto me, Thou hast seen well, for I will hasten my word to perform it.

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and its face *is* toward the north.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

15 For, behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and each one shall set his seat at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem and near all its walls round about and near all the cities of Judah.

16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me and have burned incense unto other gods and worshipped the works of their own hands.

17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and thou shalt arise and speak unto them all that I shall command thee; do not fear them lest I confound thee before them.

18 For, behold, I have made thee this day as a defenced city and as an iron pillar and as *a* wall of brass upon all the earth against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

Jeremiah 2

1 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 Go and cry *out* in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD: I remember thee, the mercy of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou didst go after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown.

3 Israel *was* holiness unto the LORD *and* the firstfruits of his increase; all that devour him shall *be found* guilty; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel;

5 thus hath the LORD said, What iniquity have your fathers found in me that they are gone far from me and have walked after vanity and are become vain?

6 Neither did they say, Where *is* the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through and where no man dwelt?

7 And I brought you into a plentiful country to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination.

8 The priests did not say, Where *is* the LORD? and those that handled the law did not know me; the pastors also rebelled against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal and walked after *things that* do not profit.

9 ¶ Therefore I will yet enter into judgment with you, saith the LORD, and I will plead with your children's children.

10 For pass over the isles of Chittim and see; and send unto Kedar and consider diligently and see if there be such a thing.

11 Has a nation changed *their* gods? Even though they are not gods. But my people have changed their glory for *that which* does not profit.

12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this; and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, said the LORD.

13 For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters to hew them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

14 ¶ *Is Israel a slave? Is he a homeborn slave? Why has he been given over as a prey?*

15 The young lions roared upon him *and* yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are deserted without inhabitant.

16 Even the sons of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head.

17 Could this not have come upon you peradventure because thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?

18 And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt? to drink the waters of the Nile? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria? to drink the waters of the river *Euphrates*?

19 Thine own wickedness shall chastise thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee; know therefore and see how evil and bitter it is, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God and that my fear *is* lacking in thee, saith the Lord GOD of the hosts.

20 ¶ For of old time I have broken thy yoke *and* burst thy bands; and thou didst say, I will not serve *sin*. With all this, upon every high hill and under every green tree thou dost wander, playing the harlot.

21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, a seed of Truth, all of her; how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

22 For though thou wash thee with nitre and take thee much soap, *yet* thine iniquity is sealed before me, saith the Lord GOD.

23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? See thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: *thou art* a swift dromedary traversing her ways;

24 a wild ass used to the wilderness that breathes according to the desire of her soul; from her lust, who shall stop her? All those that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod and thy throat from thirst; but thou didst say, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them I will go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is taken, so shall the house of Israel be ashamed: they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

27 saying to a *piece of* firewood, Thou *art* my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned *their* back unto me, and not *their* face: but in the time of their trouble they say, Arise and deliver us.

28 But where *are* thy gods that thou hast made thee? Let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble, for *according to* the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah.

29 ¶ Why will ye plead with me? Ye have all rebelled against me, saith the LORD.

30 I have smitten your children in vain; they have received no correction; your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

31 O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? Why do my people say, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?

32 Shall the virgin, perchance, forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

33 Why dost thou trim thy way to seek love? therefore thou hast also taught the wicked ones thy ways.

34 Even in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; thou didst not find them in any trespass, but by all these things.

35 Yet thou didst say, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will enter into judgment with thee because thou hast said, I did not sin.

36 Why dost thou talk so much, changing thy ways? Thou shalt also be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

37 Thou shalt also go forth from him with thine hands upon thine head; for the LORD has rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

Jeremiah 3

1 ¶ They say, If a man puts away his wife and she goes from him and becomes another man's, shall he return unto her again? Is she not a land that is now completely polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, said the LORD.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places and see if there is anywhere thou hast not been ravished. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.

3 Therefore the rain has been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; and thou dost have a whore's forehead, thou dost refuse to be ashamed.

4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou *art* the guide of my youth?

5 Will he reserve *his anger* for ever? will he keep *it* to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done as many evil things as thou could.

6 ¶ The LORD said unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen *that* which rebellious Israel has done? She is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there has played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these *things*, Turn thou unto me. But she did not return. And her rebellious sister Judah saw *it*.

8 And I saw when for all the causes by which rebellious Israel committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorce; yet her rebellious sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also.

9 And it came to pass through *her judging* her whoredom to be a light *thing* that the land became defiled and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

10 And yet for all this her rebellious sister Judah has never turned unto me with her whole heart, but untruthfully, said the LORD.

11 And the LORD said unto me, The rebellious Israel has justified her soul in comparison to the treacherous Judah.

12 ¶ Go and proclaim these words toward the north *wind* and say, Return, thou rebellious Israel, said the LORD *and* I will not cause my anger to fall

upon you; for I *am* merciful, said the LORD, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever.

13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity that thou hast rebelled against the LORD thy God and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not heard my voice, said the LORD.

14 Turn, O rebellious sons, said the LORD; for I am your Lord, and I will take you one of a city and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

15 And I will give you pastors according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye are multiplied and increased in the land; in those days, said the LORD, they shall no longer say, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit *it*; neither shall *that* be done any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the Gentiles shall congregate unto it in the name of the LORD in Jerusalem; neither shall they walk any more after the hardness of their evil heart.

18 In those times they shall go out from the house of Judah unto the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north *wind* to the land which I caused your fathers to inherit.

19 But I said, How shall I place thee as sons and give thee the desirable land, the heritage that the hosts of Gentiles desire? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father, and shalt not turn away from following me.

20 ¶ Surely *as* the woman breaks the faith of her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, said the LORD.

21 A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping of the supplications of the sons of Israel; for they have perverted their way, *and* they have forgotten the LORD their God.

22 Return, ye rebellious sons, *and* I will heal your rebellion. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou *art* the LORD our God.

23 Truly the hills are vanity, the multitude of mountains; truly in the LORD our God *is* the salvation of Israel.

24 For shame has devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth: their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covers us; for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not hearkened unto the voice of the LORD our God.

Jeremiah 4

1 ¶ If thou wilt return unto me, O Israel, said the LORD, thou shalt have rest; and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then thou shalt not go *into captivity*.

2 And thou shalt swear, The LORD lives, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the Gentiles shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

3 ¶ For thus has the LORD said to every man of Judah and of Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns.

4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem lest my fury come forth like fire and burn so that no one can quench *it* because of the evil of your doings.

5 ¶ Declare ye in Judah and publish in Jerusalem and say, Blow ye the shofar in the land; cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities.

6 Set up the banner in Zion: come together, do not delay: for I bring evil from the north *wind*, and a great destruction.

7 The lion is come up from his den, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

8 For this, gird yourselves with sackcloth; lament and howl; for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.

9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, *that* the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

10 (Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; when the sword reaches unto the soul.)

11 At that time it shall be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places of the wilderness came toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse.

12 A wind much more violent than these shall come unto me; for now I will also speak judgments against them.

13 Behold, he shall come up as a cloud, and his chariots as a whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us, for we are given over to be spoiled!

14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness that thou may be saved. How long shalt thou entertain the thoughts of thy iniquity within thee?

15 For the voice *is heard* from him who brings the news from Dan and from him who causes to hear the affliction from Mount Ephraim.

16 Say ye of the Gentiles; behold, cause it to be heard upon Jerusalem, Watchmen come from a far country and shall give out their voice upon the cities of Judah.

17 As the watchmen of the heritages, they were upon her round about because she has been rebellious against me, saith the LORD.

18 Thy way and thy doings have procured these *things* unto thee; this *is* thy wickedness because it is bitter, because it reaches unto thine heart.

19 ¶ My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the shofar, the alarm of war.

20 Destruction upon destruction is cried, for the whole land is destroyed; suddenly are my tents destroyed, *and* my curtains in a moment.

21 How long shall I see the banner *and* hear the voice of the shofar?

22 For my people *are* foolish; the ignorant sons with no understanding have not known me; they *are* wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

23 I beheld the earth, and, behold, *it was* without order, and empty; and the heavens, and they *had* no light.

24 I beheld the mountains, and, behold, they trembled, and all the hills were destroyed.

25 I beheld, and, behold, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled.

26 I beheld, and, behold, Carmel was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the LORD *and* by his fierce anger.

27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet I will not make a full end.

28 For this shall the earth be made desolate, and the heavens above be darkened because I spoke; I purposed and did not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

29 The whole city fled from the thunder of the horsemen and bowmen; they went into the thickets of the forests and climbed up upon the rocks; every city was forsaken, and not a man dwells therein.

30 And thou who art destroyed, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothe thyself with crimson, though thou deck thee with ornaments of gold, though thou paint thy eyes with antimony, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; *thy* lovers will despise thee; they will seek thy life.

31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her that brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, *that* bewails herself, *that* spreads her hands, *saying*, Woe is me now! for my soul is faint because of the murderers.

Jeremiah 5

1 ¶ Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem and see now and find out and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that execute judgment, that seek the truth; and *I* will pardon the city.

2 And if they should say, The LORD lives; surely they swear falsely.

3 O LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? Thou hast stricken them, but they did not feel it; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive chastisement; they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

4 Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they have become foolish; for they do not know the way of the LORD *nor* the judgment of their God.

5 I will go unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, *and* the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke *and* burst the bonds.

6 Therefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, *and* a wolf of the desert shall destroy them and a tiger shall lie in wait over their cities; anyone that goes out from there shall be torn in pieces because their rebellions have been multiplied, *and* their backslidings are increased.

7 How shall I pardon thee for this? Thy sons have forsaken me and sworn by *them that are* not gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

8 They were *as* fed horses in the morning; each one neighed after his neighbour's wife.

9 Shall I not visit for these *things*? said the LORD; and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 ¶ Go ye up upon her walls and destroy; but make not a full end; take away her battlements for they *are* not the LORD's.

11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have made a firm decision to rebel against me, saith the LORD.

12 They have denied the LORD and said, He *is* not; and evil shall not come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine;

13 but the prophets shall become like wind, and there is no word in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

14 Therefore thus hath the LORD God of the hosts said: Because ye have spoken this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

15 Behold, I will bring a nation upon you from afar, O house of Israel, saith the LORD; it *is* a mighty nation, it *is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou dost not know, neither dost *thou* understand what they say.

16 Their quiver *is* as an open sepulcher; they *are* all mighty men.

17 And they shall eat up thine harvest and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds; they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees; and thy fenced cities, in which thou dost trust, they shall bring to nothing with the sword.

18 Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I will not make a full end with you.

19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Why does the LORD our God do all these *things* unto us? Then thou shalt answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land *that is* not yours.

20 ¶ Declare this in the house of Jacob and publish it in Judah, saying,

21 Hear now this, O foolish people and without heart, who have eyes and do not see; who have ears, and do not hear:

22 Do ye not fear me? saith the LORD; will ye not tremble at my presence, who placed the sand *for* the bound of the sea by an eternal order, which cannot be broken? Storms shall raise themselves up, yet they shall not prevail; their waves shall roar, yet they shall not pass over it.

23 But this people have a false and rebellious heart; they turned and went.

24 Neither do they say in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God that gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; he shall keep us *with* the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 ¶ Your iniquities have turned away these *things*, and your sins have withheld good *things* from you.

26 For among my people were found wicked *men*: they lay in wait as he that sets snares; they set a trap of perdition to catch men.

27 As a cage full of birds, so *are* their houses full of deceit; thus they became great and rich.

28 They are become fat; they shine; yea, they overpass in deeds of wickedness; they did not judge the cause, the cause of the fatherless; with all this they made themselves prosperous; and they did not judge the cause of the poor.

29 Shall I not visit for these *things*? saith the LORD; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

30 A horrible and ugly thing is committed in the land:

31 The prophets prophesied falsely, and the priests bore rule by their hands; and my people love *to have it* so. What will ye do in the end thereof?

Jeremiah 6

1 ¶ O ye sons of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem and blow the shofar in Tekoa and set up as a sign smoke in Bethhaccerem; for evil appears out of the north *wind* and great destruction.

2 I shall liken the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate *woman*.

3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch *their* tents against her round about; they shall feed each one his portion.

4 Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up towards the south. Woe unto us! for the day goes away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

5 Arise, and let us go up by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

6 For thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, Hew ye down trees and cast a mount against Jerusalem; this *is* the city that all of her is to be visited; *there* is violence in the midst of her.

7 As the waters never cease to flow from a fountain, so her wickedness never ceases to flow; injustice and robbery is heard in her; in my presence continually, sickness and wounds.

8 Chastise Jerusalem lest peradventure my soul be disjointed from thee, lest peradventure I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

9 ¶ Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine; turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets.

10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning that they may hear? behold, their ears *are* uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken, behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I have worked hard to hold myself in from pouring it out upon the children in the street, and upon the assembly of young men together; for the husband with the wife shall also be taken, the aged with *him that is* full of days.

12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, *with their* fields and wives together; for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.

13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them each one is given to greed; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one deals falsely.

14 They treat also the destruction *of the daughter* of my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.

15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? no, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush; therefore, they shall fall among those that shall fall: at the time *that* I visit them they shall fall, saith the LORD.

16 Thus hath the LORD said, Stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where the good way *is* and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.

17 Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Harken to the sound of the shofar. But they said, We will not hearken.

18 ¶ Therefore hear, ye Gentiles, and know, O congregation of *Gentiles*.

19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts because they have not hearkened unto my words, and they hated my law.

20 To what purpose does this incense come to me from Sheba and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings *are* not according to my will, nor *are* your sacrifices sweet unto me.

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus hath the LORD said, Behold, a people come from the land of the north *wind*, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.

23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* cruel, and they shall have no mercy; their voice shall roar like the sea; and they shall ride upon horses set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.

24 We have heard the fame thereof; our hands wax feeble; anguish has taken hold of us, *and* pain as of a woman in travail.

25 Do not go forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy *and* fear *is* on every side.

26 O daughter of my people, gird *thee* with sackcloth and wallow thyself in ashes; make thee mourning, *as for* an only son, most bitter lamentation; for the destroyer shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have set thee *for* a tower *and* a fortress among my people; thou shalt know and examine their way.

28 They *are* all rebellious princes; they walk with deception: *they are* brass and iron; they *are* all corrupters.

29 The bellows are burned; the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melts in vain; for the wicked are not plucked away.

30 Reprobate silver shall *men* call them because the LORD has rejected them.

Jeremiah 7

- 1 ¶ The word that was sent to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 2 Stand in the gate of the LORD's house and proclaim there this word and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all *ye of* Judah that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.
- 3 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts the God of Israel said, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.
- 4 Do not trust in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD *are* these.
- 5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if ye thoroughly do right between a man and his neighbour,
- 6 *if* ye do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed no innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt,
- 7 then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers for ever and ever.
- 8 Behold, ye trust in lying words that cannot profit.
- 9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not,
- 10 and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are free to do all these abominations?
- 11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen *it*, said the LORD.
- 12 But go now unto my place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.
- 13 And now because ye have done all these works, said the LORD and I spoke well unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye did not hear; and I called you, but ye did not answer;
- 14 therefore I will do unto *this* house, which is called by my name, in which ye trust, and unto this place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.
- 15 And I will cast you out of my sight as I have cast out all your brethren, *even* the whole seed of Ephraim.

16 ¶ Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

17 Dost thou not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18 The sons gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead *their* dough to make cakes to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods that they may provoke me to anger.

19 Shall they provoke me to anger? said the LORD: *do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?*

20 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, my anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man and upon beast and upon the trees of the field and upon the fruit of the ground, and it shall burn and shall not be quenched.

21 ¶ Thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said: Add your burnt offerings upon your sacrifices and eat flesh.

22 For I did not speak unto your fathers, nor command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:

23 But this thing I commanded them, saying, Hear my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the way that I have commanded you that it may be well unto you.

24 But they did not hearken, nor incline their ear, but walked in *their own* counsels in the imagination of their evil heart and went backward, and not forward

25 since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day. I have *even* sent unto you all my slaves, the prophets, daily rising up early and sending *them*;

26 yet they did not hearken unto me, nor incline their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt even call unto them; but they will not answer thee.

28 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, This *is* the nation that did not hear the voice of the LORD their God, nor receive chastisement; the faith is lost

and was cut off from their mouth.

29 ¶ Cut off thine hair, O *Jerusalem*, and cast *it* away and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD has cast off and forsaken the nation of his wrath.

30 For the sons of Judah have done evil in my sight, said the LORD; they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name to pollute it.

31 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which *is* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command *them*, neither did it come into my heart.

32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no longer be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter; for they shall bury in Tophet, for there shall be no *other* place.

33 And the carcasses of this people shall be food for the fowls of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth; and there shall be no one to chase *them* away.

34 Then I will cause to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

Jeremiah 8

1 ¶ At that time, said the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah and the bones of his princes and the bones of the priests and the bones of the prophets and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves;

2 and they shall spread them before the sun and the moon and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved and whom they have served and after whom they have walked and whom they have sought and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of those that remain of this evil generation, in all the places where I have driven those that remain, said the LORD of the hosts.

4 ¶ Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath the LORD said: The one who falls, does he never arise? he who turns away, does he never return?

5 Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem rebellious with a perpetual rebellion? They hold fast deceit; they refuse to return.

6 I hearkened and heard, *but* they did not speak aright: there was no man that repented of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? each one returned to his course as the horse rushes into the battle.

7 Even the stork in the heaven knows her appointed time; and the turtle *dove* and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people did not know the judgment of the LORD.

8 How do ye say, We *are* wise, and the law of the LORD *is* with us? Behold, certainly in vain did he make the pen; the scribes *were* in vain.

9 The wise *men* are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom *is* in them?

10 Therefore I will give their wives unto others *and* their fields unto those that shall inherit *them*: for each one from the least even unto the greatest is given to greed; from the prophet even unto the priest every one deals falsely.

11 For they have treated the destruction of the daughter of my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace, when *there is* no peace.

12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among those that should fall: when I visit them, they shall fall, saith the LORD.

13 ¶ I will surely cut them off completely, said the LORD: *there are* no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fall; and *the things that* I have given them shall pass away from them.

14 Upon what shall we secure ourselves? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there: for the LORD our God has put us to silence and given us water of gall to drink because we have sinned against the LORD.

15 We looked for peace, but no good *came*; *and* for a time of health, and behold trouble!

16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan; the whole earth trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come and have devoured the land and all that is in it, the city and those that dwell therein.

17 For, behold, I send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which *will not be* charmed, and they shall bite you, said the LORD.

18 Because of my strong sorrow, my heart *is* faint in me.

19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people that comes from a far country: *Is not* the LORD in Zion? *Is not* her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images *and* with vanities of a strange *god*?

20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

21 For the destruction of the daughter of my people I am devastated; I am in darkness; astonishment has taken hold on me.

22 *Is there* no balm in Gilead; *is there* no physician there? Why then was there no medicine for the daughter of my people?

Jeremiah 9

1 ¶ Oh that my head were waters and my eyes a fountain of tears that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men that I might leave my people and go from them! for they *are* all adulterers, a congregation of rebels.

3 And they bend their tongues *like* their bow *for* lies, but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth for they proceed from evil to evil, and they did not recognize me, said the LORD.

4 Take heed each one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.

5 And they will deceive each one his neighbour and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies *and* weary themselves to commit iniquity.

6 Thine habitation *is* in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

7 Therefore thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, Behold, I will melt them and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people?

8 Their tongue *is as* a sharp arrow; it speaks deceit: *one* speaks peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth but in heart he lays in wait.

9 Shall I not visit them for these *things*? saith the LORD; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 Upon the mountains I will lift up weeping and wailing and lamentation upon the habitations of the wilderness because they are burned up, so that no one can pass through *them*; neither can *men* hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and even the beasts of the earth are fled; they are gone.

11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps *and* a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

12 ¶ Who *is* the wise man that may understand this? and *who is he* to whom the mouth of the LORD has spoken that he may declare for what cause the

land perishes *and* is burned up like a wilderness that no one passes through?

13 And the LORD said, Because they have forsaken my law, which I set before them, and have not heard my voice, neither walked therein,

14 but have walked after the imagination of their own heart and after the Baalim, which their fathers taught them,

15 Therefore thus hath the LORD of the hosts the God of Israel said: Behold, I will feed them, *even* this people, with wormwood and give them water of gall to drink.

16 I will scatter them also among Gentiles whom neither they nor their fathers have known, and I will send a sword after them until I have consumed them.

17 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, Consider ye and call for the mourning women that they may come and send for cunning *women* that they may come,

18 and let them make haste and take up a wailing for us that our eyes may run down with tears and our eyelids gush out with waters.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we destroyed! We are greatly confounded. Why have we forsaken the land? Why have our dwellings cast *us* out?

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth and teach your daughters wailing and each one her neighbour lamentation.

21 For death is come up into our windows *and* is entered into our palaces to cut off the children from without *and* the young men from the streets.

22 Speak, Thus hath the LORD said, Even the carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field and as the handful after the harvestman, and there shall be none to gather *them*.

23 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches;

24 but let him that glories glory in this, that he understands me and knows me, that I *am* the LORD who does mercy, judgment, and righteousness in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, said the LORD.

25 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will visit all *those who are* circumcised with the uncircumcised:

26 Egypt and Judah and Edom and the sons of Ammon and Moab and all *that are* in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all the Gentiles *are* uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel *are* uncircumcised in the heart.

Jeremiah 10

1 ¶ Hear ye the word which the LORD has spoken over you, O house of Israel:

2 Thus hath the LORD said, Do not learn the way of the Gentiles, and do not fear the signs of heaven, even though the Gentiles fear them.

3 For the customs of the peoples *are* vanity: for *one* cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails, that it not move.

5 They compare them to the palm tree, and they do not speak: they must be carried, because they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither do they have power to do good.

6 Forasmuch as *there is* none like unto thee, O LORD; thou *art* great, and thy name *is* great in might.

7 Who would not fear thee, O King of the Gentiles? for unto thee does it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise *men* of the Gentiles and in all their kingdoms, *there is* none like unto thee.

8 But they shall become altogether carnal and foolish. The stock *is* a doctrine of vanities.

9 Silver spread into plates shall be brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, shall the workman work and the hands of the founder: they shall dress them in blue and purple: they *are* all the work of cunning *men*.

10 But the LORD God *is* the Truth, he himself *is* Living God and Everlasting King: at his wrath the earth trembles, and the Gentiles shall not be able to abide his indignation.

11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens or the earth, *even* they shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens.

12 He that makes the earth by his power, he that orders the world with his wisdom and extends the heavens with his intelligence:

13 at his voice, *there is* given a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causes the clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth; he makes the

lightnings with the rain and brings forth the wind out of his treasures.

14 Every man is carnal in *his* knowledge: let every founder be ashamed of his graven image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no spirit in them.

15 They *are* vanity *and* the work of scorn: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

16 The portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for he *is* the Former of all *things*, and Israel *is* the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of the hosts *is* his name.

17 ¶ Gather up thy wares out of the lands, O inhabitant of the fortress.

18 For thus hath the LORD said, Behold, that this time I will throw out the inhabitants of the land with a sling and will afflict them, that they may find *it*.

19 Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous, but I said, Truly this *is* my sickness, and I must bear it.

20 My tent is destroyed, and all my cords *are* broken: my sons were taken from me, and they *are* lost; *there is* no one to stretch forth my tent any more and to set up my curtains.

21 For the pastors are become carnal and have not sought the LORD; therefore they did not understand, and all their flocks scattered.

22 Behold, the voice of the rumour is come, and a great commotion out of the land of the north *wind* to make the cities of Judah desolate *and* a den of dragons.

23 O LORD, I know that man is not the lord of his *own* way: *it is* not in man that walks to order his steps.

24 O LORD, chastise me, but with judgment; not with thine anger lest thou bring me to nothing.

25 Pour out thy fury upon the Gentiles that do not know thee and upon the nations that do not call on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob and devoured him and consumed him and have destroyed his habitation.

Jeremiah 11

- 1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto every man of Judah and to every inhabitant of Jerusalem;
- 3 and thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath the LORD God of Israel said: Cursed *be* the man that does not hear the words of this covenant,
- 4 which I commanded your fathers the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying unto them, hear my voice and comply with my words according to all which I command you; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God
- 5 that I may confirm the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, that I would give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. Then I answered, and said, Amen, O LORD.
- 6 And the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant and do them.
- 7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day *that* I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Hear my voice.
- 8 Yet they did not hear, nor did they incline their ear, but walked each one in the imagination of their evil heart; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did *them* not.
- 9 And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 10 They have returned to the iniquities of their first fathers, who refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.
- 11 ¶ Therefore thus hath the LORD said, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.

12 Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense, who shall not be able to save them in the time of their trouble.

13 For *according to* the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and *according to* the number of thy streets, O Jerusalem, have ye set up altars of confusion, *even* altars to burn incense unto Baal.

14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me in their trouble.

15 What *part* has my beloved in my house, *seeing* she has wrought lewdness with many? The holy flesh shall pass from upon thee, for in thy evil thou didst glory.

16 The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, beautiful in fruit and in appearance. At the voice of a great word he caused fire to be kindled upon it, and they broke her branches.

17 For the LORD of the hosts, that planted thee, has pronounced evil against thee for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.

18 ¶ And the LORD gave me knowledge *of it*, and I experienced *it*: then thou didst show me their doings.

19 But I *was* like a ram *or* an ox *that* is brought to the slaughter; for I did not understand that they had devised devices against me, *saying*, Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living that his name may no longer be remembered.

20 But, O LORD of the hosts, that judges righteously, that tries the kidneys and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them, for unto thee I have uncovered my cause.

21 Therefore, thus hath the LORD said regarding the men of Anathoth that seek thy life, saying, Do not prophesy in the name of the LORD that thou not die by our hand;

22 therefore, thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, Behold, I visit: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:

23 and there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, *even* the year of their visitation.

Jeremiah 12

1 ¶ Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, even though I dispute with thee: even so, I will speak judgments with thee; Why does the way of the wicked prosper? All those that completely rebel against thee have peace.

2 Thou hast planted them, and they have taken root: they grow, and they bring forth fruit; thou *art* near in their mouth and far from their kidneys.

3 But thou, O LORD, dost know me; thou hast seen me and tried my heart toward thee; pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and mark them for the day of slaughter.

4 How long shall the land be desolate, and the grass of all the field wither, for the wickedness of those that dwell therein? The cattle are lacking, and the birds, because they said, He shall not see our latter end.

5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee then how canst thou contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *in which* thou didst trust, *they wearied thee*, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

6 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee, even they have raised their voice after thee, O congregation; do not believe them, when they speak fair words unto thee.

7 ¶ I have forsaken my house, I have left my heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

8 My heritage was unto me as a lion in the forest; it cried out against me, therefore I have hated it.

9 My heritage *is* unto me *as* a speckled bird; the birds round about *are* against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour her.

10 Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard; they have trodden my heritage under foot; they have made my precious heritage a desolate wilderness.

11 They have made it desolate; it cries against me, desolate; the whole land was made desolate because there was no man that would see.

12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land; there is no peace for any flesh.

13 They have sown bread, but shall reap thorns; they had the heritage, but they did not profit; and they shall be ashamed because of your fruits, by the *fierce* anger of the LORD.

14 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said against all my evil neighbours that touch the heritage which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

15 And it shall come to pass that after I have plucked them out, I will return and have mercy on them, and will cause them to return, each one to his heritage, and each one to his land.

16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear in my name, *saying, The LORD lives*; as they taught my people to swear by Baal then they shall be prospered in the midst of my people.

17 But if they will not hear, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 13

1 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said unto me, Go and buy thee a linen girdle and put it upon thy loins, and thou shalt not put it in water.

2 And I bought the girdle according to the word of the LORD and put *it* on my loins.

3 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that thou hast bought, which *is* upon thy loins, and arise; go to the Euphrates and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

5 So I went and hid it in the Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

6 And it came to pass after many days that the LORD said unto me, Arise; go to the Euphrates and take from there the girdle, which I commanded thee to hide there.

7 Then I went to the Euphrates and dug and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it; and, behold, the girdle was rotted, it was good for nothing.

8 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Thus hath the LORD said, After this manner I will cause the pride of Judah to rot and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 This evil people that refuses to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart and went after other gods to serve them and to worship them shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

11 For as the girdle cleaves to the loins of a man, so I have caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people and for fame, and for a praise, and for honour; but they did not hear.

12 ¶ Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word: Thus hath the LORD God of Israel said, Every bottle shall be filled with wine; and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

13 Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus hath the LORD said, Behold, I fill all the inhabitants of this land with drunkenness, *even* the kings that sit upon

David's throne and the priests and the prophets and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

14 And I will break them one against another, even the fathers with the sons together, saith the LORD; I will not pity nor spare nor have mercy to not destroy them.

15 Hear ye and give ear; do not be proud: for the LORD has spoken.

16 Give glory to the LORD your God before he causes darkness and before your feet stumble in mountains of darkness, and while ye look for light, he turns it into the shadow of death *and* makes *it* gross darkness.

17 But if ye will not hear this, my soul shall weep in secret because of *your* pride; and weeping bitterly, my eyes shall be undone in tears because the LORD's flock was carried away captive.

18 Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down *in the dust* because the crown of your glory has come down off your heads.

19 The cities of the south were shut up, and no one could open *them*: Judah was carried away captive; all of it, it was completely carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold those that come from the north *wind*: where *is* the flock *that* was given thee, the cattle of thy beauty?

21 What wilt thou say when he shall visit thee? For thou hast taught them *to be* princes *and as* head over thee; shall not sorrows take thee as a woman in travail?

22 ¶ When thou shalt say in thine heart, Why do these things come upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered *and* thy heels made bare.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Likewise ye also cannot do good, being taught to do evil.

24 Therefore I will scatter them as the stubble that passes away by the wind of the wilderness.

25 This *shall be* thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me said the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

26 Therefore I uncovered thy skirts before thy face, and thy shame was manifested.

27 I have seen thine adulteries and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom upon the hills; in the same field I saw thine abominations. Woe

unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean at last? How long then
shall it be?

Jeremiah 14

1 ¶ The word of the LORD that was given to Jeremiah concerning the famine.

2 Judah mourns, and its gates languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits *and* found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded and covered their heads.

4 Because the ground is chapped, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

5 Even the hind calved in the field and forsook *it*, because there was no grass.

6 And the wild asses stood in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes failed because *there was* no grass.

7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do it for thy name's sake; for our rebellions have multiplied; we have sinned against thee.

8 O the hope of Israel, the Keeper thereof in time of trouble, why should thou be as a stranger in the land and as a wayfaring man *that* turns aside to tarry for a night?

9 Why should thou be as a speechless man as a mighty man *that* cannot save? Yet thou, O LORD, *art* in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; do not leave us.

10 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said unto this people, Thus have they loved to move, nor have they refrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not have them in *his* will; he will now remember their iniquity and visit their sins.

11 Then the LORD said unto me, Do not pray for this people for *their* good.

12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by sword and by famine and by pestilence.

13 Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you true peace in this place.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I did not send them, neither have I commanded them, neither did I speak unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision, divination, vanity, and the deceit of their heart.

15 Therefore thus hath the LORD said concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name which I did not send and that say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have no one to bury them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters; for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

17 ¶ Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them: Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease, for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

18 If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold those that are sick with famine! for both the prophet and the priest walked around in circles in the land, and they did not know *it*.

19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? Hath thy soul loathed Zion? Why didst thou cause us to be smitten when no healing remains for us? We waited for peace, and *there was* no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!

20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, *and* the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against thee.

21 Do not cast *us* away; for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory; remember, do not break thy covenant with us.

22 Are there *any* among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause it to rain? or can the heavens give rain? *art* not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee, for thou hast made all these *things*.

Jeremiah 15

1 ¶ Then the LORD said unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, *yet* my will *would* not *be* toward this people: cast *them* out of my sight, and let them go forth.

2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Where shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus hath the LORD said: Such as *are* for death, to death; and such as *are* for the sword, to the sword; and such as *are* for the famine, to the famine; and such as *are* for the captivity, to the captivity.

3 And I will visit over them four kinds *of evil*, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy.

4 And I will give them over to be sifted by all the kingdoms of the earth because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for *that* which he did in Jerusalem.

5 For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who is to come to ask regarding thy peace?

6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD; thou art gone backward: therefore, I stretched out my hand over thee and cast thee away; I am tired of repenting.

7 And I fanned them with a fan unto the gates of the land; I bereaved *them* of children, I wasted my people; they did not turn from their ways.

8 Their widows are multiplied unto me more than the sand of the sea: I have brought upon them a destroyer at noonday against the young; I have caused *him* to fall upon her suddenly, and terrors upon the city.

9 She that has borne seven languishes; her soul is filled with sorrow; her sun is gone down while *it was* yet day; she has been ashamed and confounded; and the residue of them I will deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

10 ¶ Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; *yet* every one of them curses me.

11 The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee *well* in the time of evil and in the time of

affliction.

12 Shall iron break the iron from the place of the north *wind* and the bronze?

13 Thy riches and thy treasures I will give to the spoil without price, and *that* for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

14 And I will make *thee* to serve thine enemies in a land *which* thou dost not know; for a fire is kindled in my anger, *which* shall burn upon you.

15 ¶ O LORD, thou knowest: remember me and visit me and revenge me of my enemies; do not take me away in the prolongation of thy anger, know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

16 Thy words were found, and I ate them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart: for thy name was called upon me, O LORD God of the hosts.

17 I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, nor did I become puffed up by reason of thy prophecy; I sat alone because thou hast filled me with indignation.

18 Why was my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, *which* refuses to be healed? Wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar *and as* waters *that* fail?

19 Therefore thus hath the LORD said, If thou wilt return, then I will bring thee again, *and* thou shalt stand before me; and if thou wilt take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth; let them return unto thee, but return not thou unto them.

20 And I will give thee unto this people as a fenced brazen wall, and they shall fight against thee but they shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee to keep thee and to defend thee, said the LORD.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will ransom thee out of the hand of the strong.

Jeremiah 16

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.

3 For thus hath the LORD said concerning the sons and *concerning* the daughters that would be born in this place and *concerning* their mothers that would bare them and *concerning* their fathers that would beget them in this land

4 They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; *but* they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth; and they shall be consumed by the sword and by famine; and their carcasses shall be food for the fowls of heaven and for the beasts of the earth.

5 For thus hath the LORD said, Do not enter into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor comfort them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, said the LORD, *even* mercy and compassion.

6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall *men* lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them:

7 neither shall they break *the bread* of mourning for them, to comfort themselves for *their* death; neither shall *men* give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.

8 In the same manner thou shalt not go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

9 For thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said: Behold, I will cause to cease in this place before your eyes and in your days, every voice of mirth and every voice of gladness, every voice of the bridegroom, and every voice of the bride.

10 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt show this people all these things, they shall say unto thee, Why has the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what *is* our iniquity? or what *is* our sin which we have committed against the LORD our God?

11 Then thou shalt say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods and have served them

and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me and have not kept my law;

12 and ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk each one after the imagination of his evil heart, not hearkening unto me:

13 Therefore I will cause you to be cast out of this land into a land that ye do not know, *neither* ye nor your fathers; and there ye shall serve other gods day and night; for I will not grant you mercy.

14 ¶ Therefore, behold, the days come, said the LORD, that it shall no longer be said, The LORD lives, that caused the sons of Israel to come up out of the land of Egypt;

15 but, The LORD lives, that caused the sons of Israel to come up out of the land of the north *wind*, and from all the lands where he had driven them; and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 Behold, I send many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after, will I send many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

17 For my eyes *are* upon all their ways, which they have not hid from me, neither does their iniquity hide from the presence of my eyes.

18 But first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double because they have defiled my land with the carcasses of their abominations, and they have filled my inheritance with abominable things.

19 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the time of the affliction; Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* in which *there* is no profit.

20 Shall a man make gods unto himself? But they *shall* not *be* gods.

21 Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know this time; I will cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name *is* The LORD.

Jeremiah 17

1 ¶ The sin of Judah *is* written with a pen of iron *and* with the point of a diamond; *it is* graven upon the table of their heart and upon the horns of your altars

2 that their sons might remember their altars and their groves, by the green trees and upon the high hills.

3 My mountain dweller! In the field are thy riches; all thy treasures I will give to the spoil, because of the sin of thy high places throughout all thy borders.

4 And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou dost not know: for ye have kindled a fire in my anger, *which* shall burn for ever.

5 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said; Cursed *be* the man that trusts in man and makes flesh his arm and whose heart departs from the LORD.

6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land and not inhabited.

7 Blessed *is* the man that is steadfast in the LORD and whose trust is the LORD.

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, *that* spreads out her roots by the river and shall not see when heat comes, but her leaf shall be green and shall not be fatigued in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things* and desperately wicked; who shall know it?

10 I the LORD search the heart; *I* try the kidneys, even to give each man according to his ways *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

11 As the partridge that steals that which she did not hatch, *is* he that gets riches and not with righteousness; in the midst of his days he shall leave them, and at his end shall be a fool.

12 ¶ The throne of glory, height from the beginning, is the place of our sanctification.

13 O hope of Israel! LORD, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed; *and* those that depart from me shall be written in the dust because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou *art* my praise.

15 Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it come now.

16 For I did not take it upon myself to be a pastor following thee; neither have I desired the woeful day; thou dost know: that which came out of my lips has come forth in thy presence.

17 Do not be a terror unto me; thou *art* my hope in the day of evil.

18 Let them be confounded that persecute me, but do not let me be confounded; let them be dismayed; but do not let me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil and destroy them with double destruction.

19 ¶ Thus said the LORD unto me: Go and stand in the gate of the sons of the people by which the kings of Judah come in and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20 and say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

21 Thus hath the LORD said: Take heed for your lives, and bring no burden on the sabbath day to bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem;

22 neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do any work, but sanctify the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers,

23 who did not hear, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive correction.

24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day but sanctify the sabbath day to do no work therein,

25 *then* shall there enter in by the gates of this city, the kings and the princes, who sit upon the throne of David, *riding* in chariots and on horses,

they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall be inhabited for ever.

26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah and from the places about Jerusalem and from the land of Benjamin and from the fields and from the mountain and from the south, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices and presents and incense, and bringing *the* sacrifice of praise unto the house of the LORD.

27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to sanctify the sabbath day, and not to bring burdens nor bring it in through the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then I will kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

Jeremiah 18

- 1 ¶ The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 2 Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.
- 3 Then I went down to the potter's house; and, behold, he wrought a work upon *a* wheel.
- 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was broken in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*.
- 5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 6 O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* ye in my hand, O house of Israel.
- 7 In an instant I shall speak against Gentiles and against kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down and to destroy.
- 8 But if these Gentiles shall turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.
- 9 And in an instant I shall speak concerning the nation and concerning the kingdom, to build and to plant *it*;
- 10 but if it should do evil in my sight, not hearing my voice, then I will repent of the good that I had determined to do unto them.
- 11 ¶ Now therefore, speak to every man of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus hath the LORD said: Behold, I ordain evil against you and devise plans against you; return ye now each one from his evil way, and better your ways and your doings.
- 12 And they said, This is useless, for we must walk after our own devices, and we must each one do the imagination of his evil heart.
- 13 Therefore thus hath the LORD said; Ask now among the Gentiles, who has heard such things: the virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing.
- 14 Will anyone leave the snow of the rock of the field that flows from Lebanon? *or* shall they forsake the singular, cold, flowing waters?
- 15 Because my people have forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused themselves to stumble in their ways, in the

ancient paths, to walk in paths, *in* a way not trodden;

16 to make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passes thereby shall be astonished and wag his head.

17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their perdition.

18 ¶ Then they said, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not consider any of his words.

19 Consider me, O LORD, and hear the voice of those that contend with me.

20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them *and* to turn away thy wrath from them.

21 Therefore deliver up their sons to the famine, and pour out their *blood* by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and *be* widows; and let their men be put to death; *let* their young men *be* slain by the sword in battle.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them; for they have dug a pit to take me and hid snares for my feet.

23 Yet, LORD, thou dost know all their counsel against me to slay *me*; do not forgive their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal *thus* with them in the time of thine anger.

Jeremiah 19

1 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said, Go and buy a potter's earthen bottle, and *take* of the elders of the people and of the elders of the priests;

2 and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry by the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee.

3 Therefore thou shalt say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus saith the LORD of the hosts, God of Israel: Behold, I bring evil upon this place, such that whoever hears *of it*, his ears shall tingle.

4 Because they have forsaken me and have estranged this place; and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;

5 and have built high places unto Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings unto this same Baal, which I did not command, nor speak, neither did *it* come into my mind.

6 Therefore, behold, the days come, said the LORD, that this place shall no longer be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of the slaughter.

7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hands of those that seek their souls and I will give their carcasses to be food for the fowls of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth.

8 And I will make this city desolate and a hissing; every one that passes thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all its plagues.

9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and each one shall eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, with which their enemies and those that seek their souls shall straiten them.

10 ¶ Then thou shalt break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee,

11 and shalt say unto them, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said: Even so will I break this people and this city as *one* breaks a potter's vessel that

cannot be restored again; and they shall bury *them* in Tophet, for there shall be no *other* place to bury.

12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to its inhabitants and *even* make this city as Tophet:

13 And the houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be as the place of Tophet, defiled, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of the heaven and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

14 Then Jeremiah returned from Tophet, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house and said to all the people,

15 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts, God of Israel said: Behold, *I* bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have spoken against her because they have hardened their necks that they might not hear my words.

Jeremiah 20

1 ¶ And Pashur *the* priest, the son of Immer, who presided as prince in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah who prophesied these things.

2 Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet and put him in the stocks that *were* at the gate of Benjamin on the high *place*, which *is* in the house of the LORD.

3 And it came to pass on the morrow that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said unto him: The LORD has not called thy name Pashur, {Heb. Prosperity all around} but Magormissabib. {Heb. Fear from every side}

4 For thus hath the LORD said, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself and to all those that love thee well; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold *it*; and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall smite them with the sword.

5 Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city and all its labours and all its precious things and all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give into the hand of their enemies, who shall spoil them and take them and carry them to Babylon.

6 And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity; and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die and shalt be buried there, thou and all those who love thee well, unto whom thou hast prophesied with lies.

7 ¶ O LORD, thou hast seduced me, and I was seduced; thou wert stronger than I and hast overcome me; I am in derision daily; every one mocks me.

8 For since I spoke *out*, I raised my voice crying, Violence and destruction; because the word of the LORD has been a reproach unto me and a derision, daily.

9 And I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But he was in my heart as a burning fire *and* within my bones; I tried to forbear, and I could not.

10 For I heard the murmuring of many, fear on every side, Report, and we will report it. All my friends watched to see if I would stumble.

Peradventure he will deceive himself, they said, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

11 But the LORD *is* with me as a powerful giant; therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper; they shall have everlasting confusion which shall never be forgotten.

12 O LORD of the hosts, who examines that which is just, who seest the kidneys and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee I have opened my cause.

13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD; for he has delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

14 ¶ Cursed *be* the day in which I was born; do not let the day in which my mother bore me be blessed.

15 Cursed *be* the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad.

16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew and did not repent; and let him hear the cry in the morning and the shouting at noontide

17 because he did not slay me in the womb, and my mother would have been my grave, and her womb perpetual conception.

18 Why did I come forth out of the womb? To see labour and sorrow that my days should be consumed with shame?

Jeremiah 21

1 ¶ The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah *the* priest, the son of Maaseiah, saying,

2 Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon makes war against us; peradventure the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, and *he* will go up from upon us.

3 And said Jeremiah unto them: Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah

4 Thus hath the LORD God of Israel said: Behold, I turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands with which ye fight against the king of Babylon and *against* the Chaldeans, which besiege you outside the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger and in fury and in great wrath.

6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.

7 And afterward, thus hath the LORD said, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his slaves and the people and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their souls; and *he* shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not forgive them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

8 ¶ And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus hath the LORD said: Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.

9 He that abides in this city shall die by the sword or by the famine or by the pestilence, but he that goes out and falls to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his soul shall be unto him for a spoil.

10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD; it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 And to the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear ye the word of the LORD;

12 O house of David, thus hath the LORD said: Execute judgment early and deliver *him that is* oppressed out of the hand of the oppressor lest my fury go forth like fire, and burn so that no one can quench *it* because of the evil of your doings.

13 Behold, I *am* against thee, O inhabitant of the valley of the rock of the plain (saith the LORD), which say, Who shall come up against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?

14 I will visit you according to the fruit of your doings, said the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in your forest, and it shall devour all things round about it.

Jeremiah 22

1 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said: Go down to the house of the king of Judah and speak there this word,

2 and say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that doth sit upon the throne of David, thou, and thy slaves and thy people that enter in by these gates:

3 Thus hath the LORD said: Execute judgment and righteousness and deliver the oppressed out of the hand of the oppressor and do not deceive, neither steal from the stranger nor from the fatherless nor from the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

4 For if ye effectively obey this word, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house the kings seated by David upon his throne, riding in chariots and on horses, he and his slaves and his people.

5 But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, said the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.

6 For thus hath the LORD said regarding the house of the king of Judah: Thou *art* Gilead unto me *and* the head of Lebanon: *yet* surely I will make thee a wilderness *and* cities *which* are not inhabited.

7 And I will appoint destroyers against thee, each one with his weapons, and they shall cut down thy choice cedars and cast *them* into the fire.

8 And many Gentiles shall pass by this city, and each man shall say to his neighbour, Why has the LORD done thus unto this great city?

9 Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God and worshipped other gods and served them.

10 ¶ Do not weep for the dead nor bemoan him, *but* weep sore for him that goes away, for he shall return no more nor see his native country.

11 For thus hath the LORD said of Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, He who went forth out of this place shall not return there any more;

12 but he shall die in the place where they have led him captive and shall see this land no more.

13 Woe unto him that builds his house and not in righteousness and his chambers and not in judgment, using his neighbour's service without wages and not giving him *the wages of his work*!

14 That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cuts out windows *in* it and covers it with cedar and anoints it with vermilion.

15 Shalt thou reign, because thou dost enclose *thyself* in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink and do judgment and righteousness, *and* then *it was* well with him?

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then *it was* well *with him*. Is this not to know me? said the LORD.

17 But thine eyes and thine heart *are* not but for thy covetousness and for to shed innocent blood and for oppression and for violence, to do *it*.

18 Therefore thus hath the LORD said concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah my brother! and Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!

19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 ¶ Go up to Lebanon and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan and cry unto all parts: for all thy lovers are destroyed.

21 I spoke unto thee in thy prosperity, *but* thou didst say, I will not hear. This *has been* thy way from thy youth, that thou hast never heard my voice.

22 The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity; surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confound thyself because of all thy malice.

23 Thou didst inhabit Lebanon, thou didst make thy nest in the cedars. How shalt thou cry out when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

24 As I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet I would pluck thee from there;

25 and I will give thee into the hand of those that seek thy soul and into the hand *of those* whose face thou dost fear, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 And I will cast thee out and thy mother that bore thee into another country, where ye were not born, and there ye shall die.

27 But to the land unto which they desire to return, they shall not return there.

28 *Is* this man Coniah a despised broken idol? *Is he* a vessel in which *there is* no pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and his generation, and are cast into a land which they know not?

29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.

30 Thus hath the LORD said, Write *what shall be* of this man deprived of *a* generation, a man unto whom nothing shall prosper in all the days of his life, for no man of his seed who sits upon the throne of David and rules over Judah shall prosper.

Jeremiah 23

1 ¶ Woe be unto the pastors that waste and scatter the sheep of my pasture! said the LORD.

2 Therefore thus hath the LORD God of Israel said unto the pastors that feed my people: Ye have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not visited them; behold, I visit upon you the evil of your doings, said the LORD.

3 And I will gather the remnant of my sheep out of all the lands where I have driven them and will cause them to return to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them; and they shall fear no more nor be dismayed neither shall they be lacking, said the LORD.

5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper and shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *shall be* his name by which they shall call him, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, behold, the days come, said the LORD, and they shall no longer say, The LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

8 but, The LORD lives, who caused the seed of the house of Israel to come up and out of the land of the north *wind*, and from all the lands where I had driven them, and they shall dwell in their *own* land.

9 ¶ My heart is broken within me because of the prophets, all my bones shake; I was like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, before the LORD, and before the words of his holiness.

10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of the oath the land is deserted; the booths of the wilderness are dried up, and their course was evil, and their force was not right.

11 For both prophet and priest are feigned; even in my house I have found their wickedness, said the LORD.

12 Therefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness; they shall be driven on and fall therein; for I will bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal and caused my people Israel to err.

14 I have also seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: they committed adultery and walked by lies; they strengthened also the hands of evildoers, that no one is converted from his malice; they are all of them unto me as Sodom and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

15 Therefore, thus hath the LORD of the hosts said against those prophets: Behold, I will cause them to eat wormwood and make them drink the waters of gall, for from the prophets of Jerusalem is hypocrisy gone forth upon all the land.

16 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, *and* not out of the mouth of the LORD.

17 They say boldly unto those that stir me to anger, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto anyone that walks after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.

18 For who has stood in the secret of the LORD and has seen and heard his word? Who has paid attention to his word and heard *it*?

19 Behold, that the whirlwind of the LORD shall go forth with fury, and the whirlwind which is ready shall fall *grievously* upon the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the LORD shall not return until he has executed and until he has performed the thoughts of his heart: in the last of the days ye shall understand it with understanding.

21 *I* did not send those prophets, yet they ran; *I* did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in my secret, they would also have caused my people to hear my words, and they would have caused them to return from their evil way and from the evil of their doings.

23 *Am* I a God of the near *only*, said the LORD, and not a God of the far?

24 Can any hide himself in hiding places that I shall not see him? said the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? said the LORD.

25 I have heard what those prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies and that prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

27 Do they not think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which each one tells his neighbour, so much that their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal?

28 The prophet with whom *the* dream came, let him tell *the* dream; and he with whom my word came, let him speak my true word. What *is* the chaff to the wheat? said the LORD.

29 *Is* not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?

30 Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words each one from his neighbour.

31 Behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that sweeten their tongues and say, He said.

32 Behold, I *am* against those that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and did tell them, and caused my people to err by their lies, and by their flattery; yet I did not send them, nor command them; and they did not profit this people at all, said the LORD.

33 ¶ And when this people or the prophet or the priest shall ask thee, saying, What *is* the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will forsake you, said the LORD.

34 And *as for* the prophet and the priest and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will visit upon that man and upon his house.

35 Thus shall ye say each one to his neighbour and each one to his brother, What has the LORD answered? and, What has the LORD spoken?

36 And never again shall it come to *your* memory to say, The burden of the LORD; for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of the hosts, our God.

37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What has the LORD answered thee? and, What has the LORD spoken?

38 But if ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus hath the LORD said: Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent

unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;

39 therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will uproot you from my presence and the city that I gave you and your fathers:

40 and I will place an everlasting reproach upon you, and eternal shame, which shall never be forgotten.

Jeremiah 24

1 ¶ The LORD showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs *were* set before the temple of the LORD, after Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah and the princes of Judah with the carpenters and smiths from Jerusalem, and had taken them to Babylon.

2 One basket *had* very good figs, *even* like the figs *that are* first ripe: and the other basket *had* very evil figs, which could not be eaten, they were so evil.

3 Then the LORD said unto me, What dost thou see, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, so evil that they cannot be eaten.

4 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Thus hath the LORD God of Israel said: Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for *their* good.

6 For I will set my eyes upon them for good, and I will return them to this land, and I will build them, and not pull *them* down; and I will plant them, and not pluck *them* up.

7 And I will give them a heart that they might know me, that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

8 And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil, surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah and his princes and the residue of Jerusalem that remained in this land and that dwell in the land of Egypt:

9 And I give them to be removed, for evil unto all the kingdoms of the earth, for infamy, and for reproach and for a proverb, and for a curse unto all the places where I shall drive them.

10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence upon them until they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

Jeremiah 25

1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, which is the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

2 this spoke Jeremiah the prophet unto all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, which are twenty-three years, the word of the LORD has come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and giving notice; but ye have not hearkened.

4 And the LORD has sent unto you all his slaves the prophets, rising early and sending *them*; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear,

5 when they said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD has given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever:

6 and do not go after other gods to serve them and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt.

7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the LORD, that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

8 ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD of the hosts: Because ye have not heard my words,

9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north *wind*, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my slave, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about and will utterly destroy them and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 And I will cause them to lose the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation *and* an astonishment; and these Gentiles shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 And it shall come to pass when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will visit upon the king of Babylon and upon that people their *own* evil, said the LORD and upon the land of the Chaldeans and will make it perpetual desolations.

13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have spoken against it, with all that is written in this book, prophesied by Jeremiah against all the Gentiles.

14 For many Gentiles and great kings shall serve themselves of them also; and I will recompense them according to their deeds and according to the works of their own hands.

15 ¶ For thus hath the LORD God of Israel said unto me: Take the wine cup of this fury from my hand and cause all the Gentiles, to whom I send thee, to drink of it.

16 And they shall drink and be moved and become mad, before the sword that I will send among them.

17 Then took I the cup from the LORD's hand and made all the Gentiles to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me,

18 unto Jerusalem and to the cities of Judah and to its kings and to its princes, that I might place them into desolation, into astonishment, and into hissing, and into *a* curse, as this day,

19 unto Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his slaves and to his princes and to all his people,

20 and to all the mingled people and to all the kings of the land of Uz and to all the kings of *the* land of the Philistines and to Ashkelon and *to* Gaza and *to* Ekron and to the remnant of Ashdod,

21 to Edom and *to* Moab and to the sons of Ammon,

22 and to all the kings of Tyre and to all the kings of Zidon and to all the kings of the isles which are of that side of the sea,

23 and to Dedan, and *to* Tema and *to* Buz and to all *that are* in the utmost corners,

24 and to all the kings of Arabia and to all the kings of the *mingled* peoples, the Arabia that dwells in the desert,

25 and to all the kings of Zimri and to all the kings of Elam and to all the kings of the Medes,

26 and to all the kings of the north *wind*, those of far and those of near, one with another and to all the kingdoms of the earth, which *are* upon the face of the earth and the king of Sheshach {Babylon} shall drink after them.

27 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said; Drink and be drunken, and vomit and fall, and ye shall not rise in the presence of the sword which I send among you.

28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from thine hand to drink, then thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said: Ye must certainly drink.

29 For, Behold, I begin to bring evil upon the city which is called by my name, and should ye only be absolved? Ye shall not be absolved, for I bring *the* sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, said the LORD of the hosts.

30 ¶ Therefore, thou shalt prophesy against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high and from the habitation of his holiness he shall utter his voice; in fury he shall roar upon his habitation; he shall sing the song of those that tread *grapes*, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

31 The noise came *even* to the ends of the earth; for it is judgment of the LORD with the Gentiles; he is the Judge of all flesh; he will give those *that are* wicked to the sword, said the LORD.

32 Thus saith the LORD of the hosts, Behold, the evil goes forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

33 And the slain of the LORD shall be in that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be as dung upon the ground.

34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves *in the dust*, ye principals of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like an enticing vessel.

35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor *for* the principals of the flock to escape.

36 *The* voice of the cry of the shepherds and a howling of the principals of the flock *shall be heard*! For the LORD has spoiled their pasture.

37 And the quiet pastures shall be cut off by the fierce anger of the LORD.

38 He has forsaken his habitation, as the *young* lion; for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor and because of his fierce anger.

Jeremiah 26

1 ¶ In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus hath the LORD said: Stand in the court of the LORD's house and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I commanded thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:

3 peradventure they will hearken and turn each man from his evil way, that I may repent of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath the LORD said: If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,

5 to hearken to the words of my slaves the prophets, whom I send unto you, rising up early and sending *them*, unto whom ye have not hearkened,

6 then I will make this house like Shiloh and will give this city as *a* curse to all the Gentiles of the earth.

7 ¶ And the priests, the prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

8 Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak unto all the people that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's *house*.

11 Then the priests and the prophets spoke unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man *is* worthy to die; for he has prophesied against this city as ye have heard with your ears.

12 Then Jeremiah spoke unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.

13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings and hear the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD himself will repent of the evil that he has pronounced against you.

14 As for me, behold, I *am* in your hands; do with me as seems good and meet unto you.

15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and upon its inhabitants; for of a truth the LORD has sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

16 ¶ Then the princes and all the people said unto the priests and to the prophets: This man is not worthy to die, for he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.

17 Then certain of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the congregation of the people, saying,

18 Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said; Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the temple mount as the high places of a forest.

19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? Did he not fear the LORD and besought the LORD, and the LORD himself repented of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Shall we commit such great evil against our souls?

20 There was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjathjearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah:

21 And Jehoiakim the king heard his words and all his mighty men and all the princes, and the king sought to put him to death, but when Urijah understood it, he was afraid and fled and went into Egypt.

22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, *namely*, Elnathan the son of Achbor and *certain* men with him into Egypt;

23 and they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword and cast his dead body

into the graves of the common people.

24 Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

Jeremiah 27

1 ¶ In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus hath the LORD said unto me: Make thee bonds and yokes and put them upon thy neck;

3 and thou shalt send them to the king of Edom and to the king of Moab and to the king of the Ammonites and to the king of Tyre and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the ambassadors which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah;

4 and thou shalt command them to say unto their masters, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said; Thus shall ye say unto your masters:

5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that *are* upon the face of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom was upright in my eyes.

6 And now have *I* given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my slave; and even the beasts of the field I have given him that they might serve him.

7 And all the Gentiles shall serve him and his son and his son's son, until the time of his own land shall come also; and many nations and great kings shall serve him.

8 And it shall come to pass, *that* the people and the kingdom which will not serve Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that people I will visit, saith the LORD, with the sword and with the famine and with the pestilence, until I have finished placing *all of them* under his hand.

9 Therefore do not hearken unto your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to your sorcerers, nor to your enchanters, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:

10 For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that *I* should drive you out, and ye should perish.

11 But the people that submit their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, said

the LORD; and they shall till it and dwell therein.

12 ¶ I spoke also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Submit your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him and his people and live.

13 Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD has spoken unto the people that will not serve the king of Babylon?

14 Therefore do not hearken unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon; for they prophesy a lie unto you.

15 For I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy a lie in my name; that I might drive you out and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

16 Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus hath the LORD said: Hearken not unto the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon; for they prophesy a lie unto you.

17 Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon and live: why should this city be laid waste?

18 But if they *are* prophets, and if the word of the LORD is with them, let them pray now unto the LORD of the hosts that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD and *in* the house of the king of Judah and at Jerusalem, not go to Babylon.

19 For thus hath the LORD of the hosts said concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city,

20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;

21 yea, thus hath the LORD of the hosts the God of Israel said concerning the vessels that remained in the house of the LORD and in the house of the king of Judah and in Jerusalem;

22 they shall be carried to Babylon, and there they shall be until the day that I visit them, said the LORD; and afterwards I will bring them up and restore them to this place.

Jeremiah 28

1 ¶ And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, *and* in the fifth month, *that* Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon, spoke unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

2 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts the God of Israel spoken, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 Within two full years I will bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried them to Babylon:

4 and I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the LORD; for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the LORD,

6 therefore the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD confirm thy words with which thou hast prophesied that the vessels of the LORD's house and all those that are carried away captive are to be returned from Babylon unto this place.

7 Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears and in the ears of all the people,

8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

9 The prophet which prophesied of peace, when the word of the prophet should come to pass, *then* shall the prophet be known, that the LORD has truly sent him.

10 ¶ Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it.

11 And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus hath the LORD said: Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of

Babylon from the neck of all the Gentiles within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 And after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,

13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus hath the LORD said: Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make yokes of iron instead.

14 For thus hath the LORD of the hosts the God of Israel said: I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these Gentiles, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him; and I have even given him the beasts of the field.

15 Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD has not sent thee; and thou hast made this people to trust in a lie.

16 Therefore thus hath the LORD said; Behold, I will send thee away from upon the face of the earth; this year thou shalt die because thou hast spoken rebellion against the LORD.

17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

Jeremiah 29

1 ¶ Now these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests and to the prophets and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

2 (after Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;)

3 by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,

4 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts the God of Israel said, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon,

5 Build houses and dwell *in them*; and plant gardens and eat the fruit of them;

6 take wives and beget sons and daughters; give wives unto your sons and give husbands unto your daughters, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be multiplied there and not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

8 ¶ For thus hath the LORD of the hosts the God of Israel said: Let not your prophets and your diviners that *are* in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye dream.

9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, said the LORD.

10 For thus hath the LORD said, That after seventy years are accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and quicken my good word upon you to cause you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think concerning you, said the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you the end that you wait for.

12 Then ye shall call upon me, and ye shall walk *in my ways* and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, for ye shall seek me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found of you, said the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the Gentiles and from all the places where I have driven you, said the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place from where I caused you to be carried away captive.

15 ¶ But ye have said, The LORD has raised us up prophets in Babylon;

16 *know* that thus hath the LORD said of the king that sits upon the throne of David and of all the people that dwell in this city *and* of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;

17 thus hath the LORD of the hosts said: Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence and will make them like the evil figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will give them over as a reproach to all the kingdoms of the earth, as a curse, and as an astonishment, and a hissing, and an affront, unto all the Gentiles where I have driven them:

19 because they did not hearken unto my words, said the LORD, which I sent unto them by my slaves the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; but ye did not hear, said the LORD.

20 Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have cast out of Jerusalem unto Babylon:

21 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts the God of Israel said *regarding* Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and *regarding* Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy falsely unto you in my name; Behold, *I* deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes;

22 and of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah who *are* in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;

23 because they have committed villainy in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken a word falsely in my

name, which I have not commanded them; even I know and *am* a witness, saith the LORD.

24 ¶ *Thus* shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying,

25 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts the God of Israel spoken, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that *are* at Jerusalem and to Zephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah and to all the priests, saying,

26 The LORD has made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should preside in the house of the LORD over every man *that is* furious and prophesies, putting him in the prison and in the stocks.

27 Now therefore why hast thou not reprehended Jeremiah of Anathoth, for prophesying *falsely* unto you?

28 For therefore he sent unto us *in* Babylon, saying, This *captivity* is long: build houses and dwell *in them* and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus hath the LORD said *concerning* Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah has prophesied unto you, and I did not send him, and he caused you to trust upon *a* lie;

32 therefore thus hath the LORD said; Behold, I visit upon Shemaiah the Nehelamite and upon his generation: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold that good which I do unto my people, said the LORD, because he has spoken rebellion against the LORD.

Jeremiah 30

1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus hath the LORD God of Israel spoken, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.

3 For, Behold, the days come, said the LORD, that I will turn the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, said the LORD, and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 And these *are* the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and *concerning* Judah.

5 For thus hath the LORD said; We have heard a voice of trembling, of terror, and not of peace.

6 Ask now, and see whether the man doth travail with child? for I have seen that every man has his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail; and all faces have turned pale.

7 Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of the hosts, *that* I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no longer place him in servitude,

9 but they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

10 ¶ Therefore fear thou not, O my slave Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I am he that saves thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall turn, and shall rest, and be quiet, and there shall be no one *left* to scatter *him*.

11 For I *shall be* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee; and I shall make a full end in all Gentiles among whom I scattered thee, yet I will not make a full end of thee: but I will chastise thee with judgment and will not cut thee off altogether.

12 For thus hath the LORD said, Thy breach *is* incurable, *and* thy sore *is* grievous.

13 *There is* no one to judge thy cause unto health; there is no cure, nor *are there* any medicines for thee.

14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they do not seek thee; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the whip of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; *because* thy sins were increased.

15 Why dost thou cry *out* for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the greatness of thine iniquity; *because* thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

16 Therefore all those that devour thee shall be devoured; and all those that afflict thee, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and those that trampled upon thee shall be trodden down, and all that prey upon thee I will give for a prey.

17 For I will cause healing to come for thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, said the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, *saying*, This is Zion, whom no man seeks after.

18 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said; Behold, I will turn the captivity of Jacob's tents and have mercy on his dwelling places and the city shall be built upon her own hill, and the temple according to her judgment shall stand.

19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of people that *live* in joy: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be decreased; I will multiply them, and they shall not be cut down.

20 Their sons shall also be as at first, and their congregation shall be confirmed before me, and I will visit all their oppressors.

21 And of him shall be their Rock, and from the midst of him shall their Governor come forth; and I will cause him to come near, and he shall draw near unto me: for who *is* this that softened his heart to approach unto me? said the LORD.

22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goes forth with fury, the whirlwind which is preparing itself; it shall remain upon the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return until he has done *it* and until he has performed the intents of his heart; in the end of the days ye shall understand this.

Jeremiah 31

1 ¶ In that time, said the LORD, *I* will be the God unto all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

2 Thus hath the LORD said, The people *which were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness as *I* went to cause Israel to find rest.

3 The LORD has appeared of old unto me, *saying*, I have loved thee with an eternal love: therefore, I have put up with thee with mercy.

4 Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tambourines and shalt go forth in the chorus of dancers.

5 Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant and shall eat *them* as common things.

6 For there shall be a day in which the watchmen upon the Mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise, and let us go up into Zion unto the LORD our God.

7 For thus hath the LORD said; Rejoice in Jacob with joy, and *give shouts of joy* at the head of the Gentiles; cause *this* to be heard, *give* praise, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold, I turn them from the land of the north *wind* and gather them from the coasts of the earth; there shall be blind and lame among them, and women with child and those that travail with child together; a great company shall return there.

9 They shall come with weeping, but with mercies I will cause them to return; I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, in which they shall not stumble; for I shall be a father to Israel, and Ephraim *shall be* my firstborn.

10 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, O ye Gentiles, and cause it to be known in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him and keep him, as a shepherd *does* his flock.

11 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of *him that was* stronger than he.

12 Therefore they shall come and do praises in the height of Zion and shall run unto the goodness of the LORD, unto the bread, and unto the wine, and

unto the oil, and unto the gain of the flock and of the herd and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy and will comfort them and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

14 And I will satiate the soul of the priest with fatness, and my people shall be filled with my goodness, said the LORD.

15 Thus hath the LORD said; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her sons, she refused to be comforted regarding her sons, because they perished.

16 Thus hath the LORD said; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

17 There is also hope for thine end, saith the LORD, and the sons shall come again to their own border.

18 ¶ I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself *thus*, Thou hast afflicted me, and I was chastised as an indomitable bullock: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou *art* the LORD my God.

19 Surely after I was turned, I repented; and after I was instructed, I smote upon *my* thigh; I was ashamed, and even confounded, because I bore the reproach of my youth.

20 Peradventure is Ephraim a precious son unto me? Peradventure *is he unto me* a delightful child? With all this since I spoke of him, I have remembered him constantly. Therefore my bowels are troubled for him; in tenderness I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

21 Establish signs, make thee high markers; consider the highway with great care, *even* the way *which* thou didst come; return, O virgin of Israel, return unto these thy cities.

22 How long wilt thou wander, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD will bring forth a new thing upon the earth, A woman shall compass the man.

23 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts the God of Israel said; Even yet shall they speak this word in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof when I shall turn their captivity: The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice *and* mountain of holiness.

24 And Judah shall dwell in her, and also in all her cities, husbandmen, and those *that* go forth with flocks.

25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have filled every sorrowful soul.

26 Upon this I awoke, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

27 ¶ Behold, the days come, said the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beast.

28 And it shall come to pass, *that* like as I have watched over them, to pluck up and to break down and to throw down and to destroy and to afflict, so will I watch over them, to build and to plant, said the LORD.

29 In those days they shall no longer say, The fathers have eaten the sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

30 But each one shall die for his own iniquity; every man that eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 Behold, the days come, said the LORD, in which I will make a new covenant with the house of Jacob and with the house of Judah:

32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt because they invalidated my covenant although I was a husband unto them, said the LORD;

33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, said the LORD, I will give my law in their souls and write it in their hearts and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall no longer teach every man his neighbour and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD, for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, said the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

35 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said, who gives the sun for light by day, *and* the laws of the moon and of the stars for light by night, who divides the sea and the waves thereof roar; The LORD of the hosts *is* his name;

36 If these laws depart from before me, said the LORD, *then* the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus hath the LORD said: If the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the

seed of Israel for all that they have done, said the LORD.

38 Behold, the days come, said the LORD, and the city shall be built unto the LORD from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner.

39 And the measuring line shall extend before him upon the hill Gareb and shall compass about to Goath.

40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of *the ashes with the burnt* fat, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east *shall be* holy unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

Jeremiah 32

1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar;
2 for then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which *was* in the king of Judah's house.

3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Why dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus hath the LORD said, Behold, I give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it?

4 And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes;

5 and he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, said the LORD; if ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper?

6 And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle comes unto thee, saying, Buy my field that *is* in Anathoth, for the right of redemption *is* thine to buy *it*.

8 So Hanameel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of the LORD and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the country of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance *is* thine, and the redemption *is* thine; buy *it* for thyself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of the LORD.

9 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that *was* in Anathoth and weighed him the money, *even* seventeen shekels of silver.

10 And I subscribed the evidence and sealed *it* and took witnesses and weighed *him* the money in the balances.

11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, *both* that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open.

12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel my uncle's *son* and in the

presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase before all the Jews that were in the court of the guard.

13 And I charged Baruch before them, saying,

14 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel, said: Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both *that* which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel that they may continue many days.

15 For thus hath the LORD of the hosts the God of Israel said: Houses and fields and vineyards shall be bought *and sold* again in this land.

16 ¶ Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD, saying,

17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing hidden from thee;

18 that thou dost show mercy in thousands and recompense the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their sons after them, the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of the hosts, *is* his name,

19 great in counsel and magnificent in works: for thine eyes *are* open upon all the ways of the sons of men to give unto each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings;

20 who hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, and in Israel, and in the man, and hast made thee a name, as at this day;

21 and hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and with wonders, and with a strong hand and with a stretched out arm and with great terror;

22 and hast given them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;

23 and they came in and possessed it; but they did not hear thy voice, neither did they walk in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou didst command them to do, therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them.

24 Behold the siege engines are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans that fight against it because of the sword and of the famine and of the pestilence, and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou dost see *it*.

25 And thou hast said unto me, O Lord GOD, Buy the field for money and take witnesses; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

27 Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh: peradventure shall any thing be covered unto me?

28 Therefore thus hath the LORD said; Behold, I give this city into the hand of *the* Chaldeans, and into *the* hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it:

29 and the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.

30 For the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah have done only evil before me from their youth: for the sons of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, said the LORD.

31 For this city has been unto me *as* a provocation of my anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face

32 because of all the evil of the sons of Israel and of the sons of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 And they have turned unto me the back and not the face: when I taught them, rising up early and teaching *them*, yet they did not hearken to receive chastisement;

34 but they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it.

35 And they built altars unto Baal, which *are* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* unto Molech; which I did not command them, neither did it come into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto this city, of which ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine and by the pestilence;

37 behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in my anger, in my fury and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

38 and they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

39 and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for ever for the good of them and of their sons after them:

40 and I will make an eternal covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good, and I will put my fear in their hearts that they shall not depart from me.

41 And, I will rejoice with them doing them good, and I will plant them in this land with truth, with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

42 For thus hath the LORD said; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I speak regarding them.

43 And they shall possess inheritance in this land, of which ye say, *It is* desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hands of the Chaldeans.

44 Men shall buy fields for money and subscribe evidences and seal *them* and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin and in the places about Jerusalem and in the cities of Judah and in the cities of the mountains and in the cities of the valley and in the cities of the south; for I will cause their captivity to turn, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 33

1 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time while he was yet shut up in the court of the guard, saying,

2 Thus hath said the LORD that makes it, the LORD that forms it to establish it; the LORD *is* his name;

3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee and show thee great and difficult things, which thou dost not know.

4 For thus hath the LORD the God of Israel said concerning the houses of this city and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the siege engines and by the sword

5 (because they came to fight with the Chaldeans, to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in my anger and in my fury and because I hid my face from this city due to all her wickedness):

6 behold, I will bring her healing and medicine, and I will cure them and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to turn and will build them, as at the first.

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, with which they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their sins, with which they have sinned against me and with which they rebelled against me.

9 And it shall be unto me a name of joy, of praise and of glory among all the Gentiles of the earth, who shall have heard all the good that I do unto them and they shall fear and tremble for all the good and for all the peace that I shall do unto them.

10 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said: Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say is desolate without man and without beast, *even* in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast,

11 the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of those that shall say, Praise the LORD of the hosts; for the LORD *is* good; for his mercy *endures* for ever: *and* of those that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the

LORD. For I will cause the captivity of the land to turn as at the first, said the LORD.

12 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, there shall be booths of shepherds who shall cause *the* flocks to lie down.

13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that counts *them*, said the LORD.

14 Behold, the days come, said the LORD, that I will confirm the good Word which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

15 In those days and at that time, I will cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this *is the name* with which she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

17 ¶ For thus hath the LORD said: David shall never lack a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

18 neither shall the priests the Levites lack a man before me to offer burnt offerings and to kindle grain offerings and to do sacrifice continually.

19 And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus hath the LORD said; If ye can break my covenant with the day, and my covenant with the night, such that there should not be day nor night in their season,

21 *then* may also my covenant be broken with David my slave, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites and priests, my ministers.

22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the seed of David my slave and the Levites that minister unto me.

23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying:

24 Dost thou not consider what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD has chosen, he has even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should no longer be a nation before them.

25 Thus hath the LORD said: If my covenant *remains* not with the day and the night, *and if* I have not appointed the laws of the heaven and the earth,

26 then I will cast away the seed of Jacob and David my slave, so that I will not take *any* of his seed *to be* rulers over the seed of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob; for I will cause their captivity to turn, and I will have mercy on them.

Jeremiah 34

1 ¶ The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, (when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth of his dominion, and all the peoples, fought against Jerusalem and against all the cities thereof) saying,

2 Thus hath the LORD God of Israel said: Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus hath the LORD said: Behold, I give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire:

3 and thou shalt not escape out of his hand but shalt surely be taken and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.

4 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus hath the LORD said of thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword:

5 *but* thou shalt die in peace: and according to the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn *odours* for thee; and they will lament thee, *saying*, Ah lord! for I have pronounced the word, said the LORD.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem

7 when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah, for of the strong cities of Judah these had remained.

8 ¶ *This is* the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD after king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which *were* at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them;

9 that every man should let his manslave, and every man his maids slave, *being* a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that no one should use of his brethren, the Jews, as a slave.

10 Now when all the princes and all the people, who had entered into the covenant, heard that each one should let his manslave and each one his maids slave go free, that no one should use them any more as servants, then they listened and let *them* go.

11 But afterward they repented and caused the slaves and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return and brought them into subjection for slaves and for handmaids.

12 Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, saying,

14 At the end of seven years each one shall let his Hebrew brother go, who has been sold unto thee; therefore he shall serve thee six years, and thou shalt send him forth free from thee: but your fathers did not hearken unto me, nor incline their ear.

15 And ye were now converted and had done right in my sight in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

16 but ye turned and polluted my name and caused each man his slave and each man his handmaid, whom ye had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for slaves and for handmaids.

17 Therefore thus hath the LORD said: Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, each one to his brother and each man to his neighbour; behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, said the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts thereof,

19 the princes of Judah and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf;

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those that seek their soul; and their dead bodies shall be for food unto the fowls of the heaven and to the beasts of the earth.

21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes I will give into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those that seek their soul and into the

hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.

22 Behold, I command, said the LORD and will cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against her and take her and burn her with fire; and I will give the cities of Judah unto desolation until they are without an inhabitant.

Jeremiah 35

1 ¶ The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

2 Go unto the house of the Rechabites and speak with them and bring them into the house of the LORD into one of the chambers and give them wine to drink.

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;

4 and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaiah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the vessels:

5 and I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine and cups, and I said unto them, Drink wine.

6 But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, *neither ye*, nor your sons for ever:

7 neither shall ye build *a* house, nor sow seed, nor plant *a* vineyard, nor have *any*: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye *are* strangers.

8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab our father, the son of Rechab, in all that he has charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

9 nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

10 But we have dwelt in tents and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 But it came to pass, nevertheless, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem *from* before the army of the Chaldeans and *from* before of the army of the Syrians: and so we remain in Jerusalem.

12 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,

13 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said: Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye never receive chastisement hearkening to my words? said the LORD.

14 The word of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, was not moved; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye did not hearken unto me.

15 I have sent also unto you all my slaves the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, Turn ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and ye shall live in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.

16 Certainly the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have not moved the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people has not hearkened unto me:

17 therefore thus hath the LORD God of the hosts, the God of Israel said; Behold, I bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I spoke unto them, but they did not hear; and I called unto them, but they did not answer.

18 And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts, God of Israel said; Because ye listened to the commandment of Jonadab your father and kept all his commandments and have done according unto all that he has commanded you:

19 therefore thus hath the LORD of the hosts, God of Israel said; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before me for ever.

Jeremiah 36

1 ¶ And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, *that* this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Take thee a roll of a book and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the Gentiles, from the day I *began* to speak unto thee, from the days of Josiah, unto today.

3 If peradventure the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may turn each one from his evil way; and I will forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I *am* shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD:

6 therefore go thou, and read from the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon the day of fasting: and also in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. Thou shalt read them

7 if peradventure their prayer will fall into the presence of the LORD, and they shall turn each one from his evil way; for great *is* the anger and the fury that the LORD has pronounced against this people.

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

9 ¶ And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, *that* they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people of Jerusalem and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem.

10 Then Baruch read in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people.

11 When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD,

12 then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber; and, behold, all the princes sat there, *even* Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.

13 Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand and came unto them.

15 And they said unto him, Sit down now and read it in our ears. So Baruch read *it* in their ears.

16 Now it came to pass when they had heard all the words, each one turned to his companion in fear, and they said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?

18 Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book.

19 Then the princes said unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be.

20 ¶ And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe and told all the words in the ears of the king.

21 So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read in it in the ears of the king and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

22 Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month, and *there was a fire* on the hearth burning before him.

23 And it came to pass, *that* when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth until all the roll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth.

24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his slaves that heard all these words.

25 Nevertheless *when* Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah made intercession to the king that he not burn the roll; he would not hear them.

26 But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but the LORD hid them.

27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after the king burned the roll, the words which Baruch had written at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying:

28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.

29 And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus hath the LORD said: Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land and shall cause to cease from there man and beast?

30 Therefore thus hath the LORD said unto Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have no one to sit upon the throne of David; and his body shall be cast out in the day to the heat and in the night to the frost.

31 And I will visit upon him and upon his seed and upon his slaves, their iniquity; and I will bring upon them and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem and upon the men of Judah all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they did not hearken.

32 Then Jeremiah took another roll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire, and there were added besides upon them many like words.

Jeremiah 37

1 ¶ And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

2 But neither he nor his slaves nor the people of the land hearkened unto the words of the LORD, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us.

4 (Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison.

5 And as Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem.)

6 Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 Thus hath the LORD, the God of Israel said; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to enquire of me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which had come forth to help you, has returned to Egypt into their own land.

8 And the Chaldeans shall come again and fight against this city and take it and burn it with fire.

9 Thus hath the LORD said; Do not deceive yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans have surely departed from us; for they shall not depart.

10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you and there remained *but* wounded men among them, *yet* should they rise up each man from his tent and burn this city with fire.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

12 then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin to separate himself there in the midst of the people.

13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah;

and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans.

14 Then said Jeremiah *It is false*; I do not fall away to the Chaldeans. But he did not hearken to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

15 Therefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah and smote him and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison.

16 When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

17 then Zedekiah the king sent and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house and said, Is there *any* word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, In what have I sinned against thee or against thy slaves or against this people that ye have put me in prison?

19 Where *are* now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you nor against this land?

20 Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the guard and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

Jeremiah 38

1 ¶ Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,

2 Thus hath the LORD said, He that remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, but he that goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey and shall live.

3 Thus hath the LORD said, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it.

4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakens the hands of the men of war that remain in this city and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them; for this man does not seek the peace of this people, but the hurt.

5 Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he *is* in your hand, for the king can not do *any* thing against you.

6 Then they took Jeremiah and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that *was* in the court of the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but mire; so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

7 Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king *was* then sitting in the gate of Benjamin,

8 Ebedmelech went forth out of the king's house and spoke to the king, saying,

9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is, for *there is* no more bread in the city.

10 Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from here thirty men with thee and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon before he dies.

11 So Ebedmelech took the men with him and went into the house of the king under the treasury and took from there old cast clouts and old rotten

rag and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

12 And Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now *these* old cast clouts and rotten rag under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so.

13 So they drew up Jeremiah with cords and took him up out of the dungeon; and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

14 ¶ Then Zedekiah the king sent and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that *is* in the house of the LORD: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a word; hide nothing from me.

15 Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare *it* unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, thou wilt not hearken unto me.

16 So Zedekiah the king swore secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD lives, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life.

17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus hath the LORD, the God of the hosts, the God of Israel said: If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house:

18 but if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then this city shall be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand.

19 And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.

20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver *thee*. Hear now the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live.

21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this *is* the word that the LORD hath showed me:

22 and, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house *shall be* brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those *women* shall say, Thy friends have deceived thee and have prevailed against thee; thy feet are sunk in the mire, *and* they are turned away back.

23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans; and thou shalt not escape out of their hand but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon; and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.

24 Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die.

25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee:

26 then thou shalt say unto them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.

27 Then all the princes came unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all those words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.

28 So Jeremiah abode in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken; and he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

Jeremiah 39

1 ¶ In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2 And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth *day* of the month, the city was broken up.

3 And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate *even* Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

4 And it came to pass, *that* when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them and all the men of war, then they fled and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls; and *the king* went out by the way of the desert.

5 But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he sentenced him.

6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes; also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people with fire and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that had come over to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

11 ¶ Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying,

12 Take him, and look well to him and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee.

13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushasban, Rabсарis, and Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;

14 even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.

15 Now the word of the LORD had come unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

16 Go and speak to Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said: Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be *accomplished* in that day before thee.

17 But I will deliver thee in that day, said the LORD, and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou *art* afraid.

18 For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee, because thou hast put thy trust in me, said the LORD.

Jeremiah 40

1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.

2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD thy God has pronounced this evil upon this place.

3 Now the LORD has brought *it* and done according as he had said; because ye have sinned against the LORD, and did not listen to his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which *were* upon thine hand. If it seems good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee: but if it seems ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land *is* before thee; where it seems good and convenient for thee to go, go there.

5 Now while he had *not yet replied* that he would go back, *the captain said*, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah and dwell with him among the people, or go wherever it seems convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward and sent him forth.

6 Then Jeremiah came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

7 ¶ And all the princes of the army which *were* in the field, *even* they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor over the land and had committed unto him the men and the women and the children and the poor of the land, those that were not carried away captive to Babylon;

8 then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans; dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10 As for me, behold, I dwell in Mizpah to serve the Chaldeans, which will come unto us; but ye, gather ye the wine and the bread and the oil and put *them* in your vessels and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.

11 Likewise when all the Jews that *were* in Moab and among the Ammonites and in Edom and that *were* in all the lands heard how the king of Babylon had left a remnant in Judah and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan,

12 all these Jews returned out of all places where they were driven and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah in Mizpah, and gathered wine and much fruit.

13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah and all the princes of the armies that *were* in the fields came to Gedaliah to Mizpah

14 and said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to slay thee? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them.

15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, I will go now, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know *it*; why should he slay thee, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered and the remnant in Judah perish?

16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing, for thou dost speak falsely of Ishmael.

Jeremiah 41

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the seventh month, *that* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the royal seed, and *some* princes of the king, and ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam in Mizpah; and there they ate bread together in Mizpah.

2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword and slew him whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

3 Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, *even* with Gedaliah at Mizpah and the Chaldean soldiers that were found there.

4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, when no one knew of it yet

5 that there came certain men of Shechem, of Shiloh, and of Samaria, eighty men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house of the LORD.

6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.

7 And it was *so*, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them *and cast them* into the midst of a pit, he, and the men that *were* with him.

8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat and of barley and of oil and of honey. So he forbore, and did not slay them among their brethren.

9 Now the pit in which Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain because of Gedaliah, *was* the same which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel: *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *those that were* slain.

10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that *were* in Mizpah, *even* the king's daughters and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to

Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

11 ¶ But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the princes of the armies that *were* with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

12 then they took all the men and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and found him by the great waters that *are* in Gibeon.

13 Now it came to pass, *that* when all the people which *were* with Ishmael heard Johanan the son of Kareah and all the princes of the armies that *were* with him, then they were glad.

14 So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men and went to the Ammonites.

16 Then Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the princes of the armies that *were* with him, took all the remnant of the people which had turned from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom Johanan had caused to turn from Gibeon:

17 and they departed and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, that they might go and enter into Egypt

18 because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

Jeremiah 42

1 ¶ Then all the princes of the armies, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshai, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

2 and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all this remnant (for we are left *but* a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us)

3 that the LORD thy God may show us *the* way in which we walk, and that which we should do.

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard *you*; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, *that* whatever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.

6 Whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil, we will hear the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; that, obeying the voice of the LORD our God, it may be well with us.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.

8 Then he called Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the princes of the armies which *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

9 and said unto them, Thus hath the LORD, the God of Israel said, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him,

10 If ye will still abide in this land, then I will build you, and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you, and not pluck *you* up; for I repent of the evil that I have done unto you.

11 Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; do not be afraid of him, said the LORD: for I *am* with you to save you and to deliver you from his hand.

12 And I will show mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you and cause you to dwell in your *own* land.

13 But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, not listening to the voice of the LORD your God,

14 saying, No, but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the shofar, nor have hunger of bread; and there we will dwell:

15 and now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah; thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said: If ye altogether set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there;

16 then it shall come to pass *that* the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, of which ye were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die.

17 So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.

18 For thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said: As my anger and my fury have been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my fury be poured forth upon you when ye shall enter into Egypt, and ye shall be an execration and an astonishment and a curse and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

19 The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah. Do not go into Egypt; know certainly that I have admonished you this day.

20 Why did ye cause your souls to err? For ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do *it*.

21 And *now* I have this day declared *it* to you, but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any *thing* for which he has sent me unto you.

22 Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place where ye desire to go *and* to sojourn.

Jeremiah 43

1 ¶ And it came to pass, *that* when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, *even* all these words,

2 Then spoke Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou dost speak falsely; the LORD our God has not sent thee to say, Do not go into Egypt to sojourn there:

3 but Baruch the son of Neriah sets thee on against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death and carry us away captives into Babylon.

4 So Johanan the son of Kareah and all the princes of the armies and all the people, did not hear the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the princes of the armies, took all the remnant of Judah, that had returned from *among* all the Gentiles, where they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;

6 men and women and children and the king's daughters, and every soul that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah;

7 and they left for the land of Egypt; because they did not listen to the voice of the LORD: thus they came *even* to Tahpanhes.

8 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 Take great stones in thine hand and cover them with clay in a brickkiln, which *is* at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

10 and say unto them, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my slave and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid, and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

11 And he shall come and smite the land of Egypt *and deliver* such *as are* for death to death; and such *as are* for captivity to captivity; and such *as are* for the sword to the sword.

12 And I will put fire to the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt as a shepherd puts on his garment; and he shall go forth from there in peace.

13 He shall also break the images of Bethshemesh, that *is* in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

Jeremiah 44

1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwelt in the land of Egypt, which dwelt at Migdol and at Tahpanhes and at Noph and in the country of Pathros, saying,

2 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said: Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they *are* a desolation, and no man dwells therein,

3 because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense *and* to serve other gods, whom they knew not, *neither* they, ye, nor your fathers.

4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my slaves the prophets, rising early and sending *them*, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.

5 But they did not hearken, nor incline their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.

6 Therefore my fury and my anger was poured forth and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted *and* desolate, as at this day.

7 Therefore now thus hath the LORD, the God of the hosts, the God of Israel said: Why do ye commit *this* great evil against your souls, that ye be cut off, man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah. Why do ye not desire to have a remnant?

8 In that ye provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, where ye are gone to dwell. Why do ye cut yourselves off that ye might be a curse and a reproach to all the Gentiles of the earth?

9 Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which was committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10 They are not broken *even* unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my rights, that I set before you and before your fathers.

11 Therefore thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said: Behold, I will set my face against you for evil and to cut off all Judah.

12 And I will take the remnant of Judah that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to dwell there, and they shall all be consumed *and* fall in the land of Egypt; they shall *even* be consumed by the sword *and* by the famine; they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; and they shall be for an oath *and* an astonishment and a curse and a reproach.

13 For I will visit those that dwell in the land of Egypt as I visited Jerusalem with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence:

14 so that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to dwell there, shall escape or remain alive to return into the land of Judah, unto which they have a desire to return to dwell there; for none shall return but some fugitives.

15 ¶ Then all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 As *for* the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.

17 But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goes forth out of our own mouth to burn incense unto the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings unto her as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem; for *then* had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have lacked all *things* and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

20 ¶ Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people who had given him *that* answer, saying,

21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the

people of the land, did not the LORD remember them and did it *not* come into his mind?

22 So that the LORD could no longer bear because of the evil of your doings, *and* because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation and an astonishment and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.

23 Because ye have burned incense and because ye have sinned against the LORD and have not listened to the voice of the LORD nor walked in his law nor in his rights, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil has come upon you, as at this day.

24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt:

25 Thus hath spoken the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel, saying: Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings unto her; ye will surely accomplish your vows and surely perform your vows.

26 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, said the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord GOD lives.

27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine until there is an end of them.

28 Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, so that all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to dwell there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs.

29 And this *shall be* a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will visit you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:

30 thus hath the LORD said: Behold, I will give Pharaohhophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies and into the hand of those that seek his soul; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his soul.

Jeremiah 45

1 ¶ The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

2 Thus hath the LORD, the God of Israel said unto thee, O Baruch:

3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD has added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I have found no rest.

4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD said thus: Behold, I destroy those whom I have built up and those whom I have planted I pluck up, even this whole land.

5 And dost thou seek great things for thyself? seek *them* not; for, behold, I bring evil upon all flesh, said the LORD: but I will give thee thy life as a spoil *of battle* in all places where thou goest.

Jeremiah 46

1 ¶ The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles.

2 To Egypt: against the army of Pharaohnecho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with *your* helmets; furbish the spears, *and* put on the brigandines.

5 Why have I seen them dismayed *and* turned away back? and their mighty ones are beaten down and are fled in haste, and do not look back: *for* fear *was* round about, said the LORD.

6 Do not let the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they stumbled and fell toward the north by the river Euphrates.

7 Who *is* this *that* comes up as a flood, whose waters move as rivers?

8 Egypt rises up like a flood, and *his* waters move like rivers; and he said, I will go up *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and its inhabitants.

9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; the Ethiopians and the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lydians, that handle *and* bend the bow.

10 But this day *shall be* unto the Lord GOD of the hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries; and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; for it *shall be a* slaughter unto the Lord GOD of the hosts in the north country *by* the river Euphrates.

11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; *for* there is no cure for thee.

12 ¶ The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry has filled the land; for the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, *and* they are both fallen together.

13 The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come *and* smite the land of Egypt.

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Memphis and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.

15 Why is thy fortress swept away? It could not stand because the LORD pushed it *over*.

16 He multiplied the fallen; yea, one fell upon another; and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people and to the land of our nativity, away from the overcoming sword.

17 They cried there: Pharaoh king of Egypt *is but* a noise; he allowed the appointed time to pass *by*.

18 As I live, saith the King, whose name *is* the LORD of the hosts, Surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come.

19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to go into captivity; for Memphis shall be a pasture and shall be made desolate without an inhabitant.

20 Egypt *is like* a very fair heifer, *but* destruction comes; it comes out of the north.

21 Also her soldiers *are* in the midst of her like fatted bullocks; for they also turned back, *and* all fled away without stopping: because the day of their calamity was come upon them *and* the time of their visitation.

22 Her voice shall go forth like a serpent; for they shall march with an army and come against her with axes as hewers of wood.

23 They shall cut down her forest, saith the LORD, for they cannot be counted because they are more than the locusts; they *are* innumerable.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

25 The LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel, said: Behold, I will visit the multitude of Alexandria, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and *all* those that trust in him.

26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their soul and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his

slaves; and afterward it shall be inhabited, *as* in the days of old, saith the LORD.

27 But fear not thou, O my slave Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return and be in rest and be prospered, and no one shall make *him* afraid.

28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my slave, saith the LORD: for I *am* with thee; for I will make a full end of all the Gentiles where I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but I will chastise thee with judgment; and I will not completely cut thee off.

Jeremiah 47

1 ¶ The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Palestinians, before Pharaoh smote Gaza.

2 Thus hath the LORD said: Behold, waters rise up out of the north and shall be an overflowing flood and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the cities and those that dwell therein; then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong *horses*, at the rushing of his chariots, *and at* the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to *their* children for feebleness of hands;

4 because of the day that comes to destroy all the Palestinians, *and* to cut off from Tyre and Zidon every helper that remains: for the LORD will destroy the Palestinians, the remnant of the island of Caphtor.

5 Baldness is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off *with* the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself?

6 O thou sword of the LORD, how long *will it be* ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.

7 How can it be quiet, seeing the LORD has given it a charge against Ashkelon and against the sea shore? there has he appointed it.

Jeremiah 48

1 ¶ Against Moab thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said; Woe unto Nebo! for it is destroyed; it is confounded; Kiriathaim is taken; Misgab is confounded and dismayed.

2 Moab shall no longer be praised; they have devised evil against Heshbon, saying, Come, and let us cut it off from *being* a nation. Also thou shalt be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall pursue thee.

3 A voice of crying *shall be* from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction.

4 Moab is destroyed; they have caused the cry of her little ones to be heard.

5 For in the ascending *road* of Luhith he that weeps shall go up weeping; for in the descending *road* of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness.

7 For because thou hast trusted in thy works; in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken; and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity *with* his priests and his princes together.

8 And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed as the LORD has spoken.

9 Give wings {Heb. open flowers} unto Moab that he may flee and get away, for his cities shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.

10 Cursed *be* he that does the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed *be* he that keeps back his sword from blood.

11 Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither has he gone into captivity; therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

12 Therefore, behold, the days come, said the LORD, that I will send unto him captors that shall take him captive and shall empty his vessels and break his wineskins.

13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their confidence.

14 ¶ How do ye say, We *are* mighty and strong men for the war?

15 Moab is spoiled, and his cities destroyed, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, said the King whose name is the LORD of the hosts.

16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hastens fast.

17 All ye that are about him, bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken: the beautiful rod!

18 Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from *thy* glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab has come against thee *and* has dissipated thy strong holds.

19 O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way and watch; ask her that flees and her that escapes *and* say, What has happened?

20 Moab is confounded, for it is broken down; howl and cry; tell it in Arnon that Moab is spoiled,

21 and judgment is come upon the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,

22 and upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Bethdiblathaim,

23 and upon Kiriathaim, and upon Bethgamul, and upon Bethmeon,

24 and upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, those that are far and those that are near.

25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, said the LORD.

26 Make him drunken, for he magnified *himself* against the LORD; Moab shall also wallow in his vomit, and be in derision.

27 For was not Israel a derision unto thee, as if he were found among thieves? for since thou hast spoken of him, thou hast slipped.

28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities and dwell in the rock and be like the dove *that* makes her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

29 We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness and his arrogancy and his pride and the haughtiness of his heart.

30 I know his wrath, saith the LORD, but it shall have no effect; his lies shall not be to his advantage.

31 Therefore I will weep over Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; *my heart* shall mourn for the men of Kirheres.

32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer; thy shoots are gone over the sea; they reach *even* to the sea of Jazer; the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage.

33 And joy and gladness shall be taken from the plentiful field and from the land of Moab; and I shall cause wine to cease from the winepresses; no one shall tread with song; *their song shall be* no song.

34 The cry, from Heshbon *even* unto Elealeh, *and even* unto Jahaz, they have uttered their voice; from Zoar *even* unto Horonaim, *as* a heifer of three years old; for the waters of Nimrim shall also be destroyed.

35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, him that offers upon *an* altar and him that burns incense to his gods.

36 Therefore my heart shall sound like flutes for Moab, and my heart shall sound like flutes for the men of Kirheres because the riches *that* he has gotten are perished.

37 For every head *shall be* bald, and every beard shaved: upon all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and upon all the loins sackcloth.

38 *There shall be* lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab and in the streets thereof; for I have broken Moab like a vessel in which there *is* no pleasure, said the LORD.

39 They shall howl, *saying*, How is it broken down! how has Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all those about him.

40 For thus hath the LORD said: Behold, he shall fly as an eagle and shall spread his wings over Moab.

41 The cities are taken, and the strong holds are taken, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

42 And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people because he has magnified *himself* against the LORD.

43 Fear and the pit and the snare *shall be* upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, said the LORD.

44 He that flees from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that gets up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare; for I will bring upon him, *even* upon Moab, the year of their visitation, said the LORD.

45 Those that fled from the force stood under the shadow of Heshbon; because fire came forth out of Heshbon and a flame from the midst of Sihon and burned the corner of Moab and the crown of the head of the rebellious sons.

46 Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh have perished; for thy sons are taken prisoners into captivity, and thy daughters *are* captives.

47 Yet I will turn again the captivity of Moab in the last of the times, said the LORD. Thus far *is* the judgment of Moab.

Jeremiah 49

1 ¶ Concerning the Ammonites, thus hath the LORD said: Does Israel have no sons? does he have no heir? why *then* does their king inherit Gad and his people dwell in his cities?

2 Therefore, behold, the days come, said the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be *made* a desolate heap, and her cities shall be burned with fire; then shall Israel be heir unto those that were his heirs, said the LORD.

3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled; cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird yourselves with sackcloth; lament and run to and fro by the hedges, for their king shall go into captivity, *and* his priests and his princes together.

4 Why gloriest thou in the valleys? Thy valley has slipped, O backsliding daughter that trusted in her treasures, she that saith, Who shall come against me?

5 Behold, I bring fear upon thee, saith the Lord GOD of the hosts, from all sides; and ye shall be driven out each man right forth in the direction he is facing; and no one shall gather up him that wanders.

6 And afterward I will turn again the captivity of the sons of Ammon, said the LORD.

7 ¶ Concerning Edom, thus hath the LORD of the hosts said: Is there no more wisdom in Teman? Has the counsel of the wise perished? Is their wisdom corrupted?

8 Flee, turn back, hide in the deeps to remain, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, at the time *that* I have to visit him.

9 If grapegatherers came against thee, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? If thieves by night, they will take what they have need of.

10 But I will make Esau bare, I will uncover his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself; his seed shall be destroyed, and his brethren and his neighbours and he shall no longer be.

11 Leave thy fatherless children; I will raise them; and thy widows shall trust in me.

12 For thus hath the LORD said: Behold, those who were not condemned to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and shalt thou be absolved of everything? Thou shalt not be absolved, but thou shalt surely drink *of it*.

13 For I have sworn by myself, said the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all its cities shall be perpetual wastes.

14 I have heard the news, that from the LORD a messenger had been sent unto the Gentiles, *saying*, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

15 For, behold, I have placed thee as small among the Gentiles *and* despised among men.

16 Thy arrogance has deceived thee, *and* the pride of thine heart, O thou that dost dwell in the clefts of the rock, that dost hold the height of the mountain: though thou should make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from there, said the LORD.

17 Also Edom shall be a desolation; every one that goes by it shall be astonished and shall hiss at all its plagues.

18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, said the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan to the strong habitation: for I will make rest and make him run from upon her, and he who *is* chosen I shall appoint over her; for who *is* like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD that he has taken against Edom; and his thoughts, that he has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; surely he shall destroy their habitations with them.

21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall; at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red Sea.

22 Behold, he shall rise up and fly as the eagle and spread his wings over Bozrah; and at that day the heart of the mighty men of Edom shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 ¶ Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad, for they have heard bad news; they have melted in waters of feebleness; they cannot

be reassured.

24 Damascus is waxed feeble *and* turns herself to flee, and fear has seized on *her*; anguish and sorrows have taken her as a woman in travail.

25 How did they not forgive the city of praise, the city of my joy!

26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, said the LORD of the hosts.

27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the houses of Benhadad.

28 ¶ Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote, thus hath the LORD said; Arise ye, go up to Kedar and destroy the men of the east.

29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away; they shall take to themselves their curtains and all their vessels and their camels; and they shall invoke fear on every side against them.

30 Flee, get you far off, dwell in the deeps that ye may stand, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, said the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you and has conceived a purpose against you.

31 Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation that dwells without care, saith the LORD, which has neither gates nor bars, *which* dwells alone.

32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter them into all *the* winds, throwing them out unto the utmost corner; and from all their sides I will bring their ruin, said the LORD.

33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons *and* a desolation for ever: no man shall abide there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

34 ¶ The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet regarding Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

35 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said: Behold, I break the bow of Elam, the foundation of their might.

36 And upon Elam I will bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

37 For I will cause Elam to fear before their enemies and before those that seek their soul; and I will bring evil upon them, *even* my fierce anger, said

the LORD; and I will send the sword after them until I have consumed them.

38 And I will set my throne in Elam and will destroy from there the king and the princes, said the LORD.

39 But it shall come to pass in the last of the days *that* I will turn again the captivity of Elam, said the LORD.

Jeremiah 50

1 ¶ The word that the LORD spoke against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chaldeans by the hand of Jeremiah the prophet.

2 Declare ye among the Gentiles, and publish, and set up a banner; publish, *and* do not conceal: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

3 For out of the north there comes up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and no one shall dwell therein: they shall leave, they shall depart, both man and beast.

4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the sons of Israel shall come, they and the sons of Judah together, going and weeping they shall go and seek the LORD their God.

5 They shall ask the way to Zion, unto where they shall turn their faces, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in an eternal covenant *that* shall never be forgotten.

6 My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they have turned them away *on* the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their restingplace.

7 All that found them have devoured them; and their adversaries said, We are not guilty because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.

8 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the meek in front of the flocks.

9 ¶ For, behold, I awake and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country, and from there they shall set themselves in array against her; she shall be taken; their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty expert *one*, who shall not return in vain.

10 And the land of the Chaldeans shall be for a spoil; all that spoil her shall come forth full, saith the LORD.

11 Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced destroying my heritage, because ye filled yourselves as a heifer on grass and neighed like horses;

12 your mother was sore confounded; she that bore you was ashamed: see here the latter end of the Gentiles: wilderness, dry land, and desert.

13 Because of the wrath of the LORD, *she* shall not be inhabited, but she shall be completely desolate; every one that goes by Babylon shall be astonished and hiss at all her plagues.

14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about; all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows; for she has sinned against the LORD.

15 Shout against her round about; she has given her hand; her foundations are fallen; her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD; take vengeance upon her; as she has done, do unto her.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon and him that handles the sickle in the time of harvest; for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn each one to his people, and they shall flee each one to his own land.

17 Israel *has been like* scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away; first the king of Assyria has devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones.

18 Therefore thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said; Behold, I visit the king of Babylon and his land as I have visited the king of Assyria.

19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon Mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20 In those days, and in that time, said the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be* none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon those whom I shall have left.

21 ¶ Go up against the land of Merathaim, *even* against it and against the inhabitants of Pekod; waste and utterly destroy after them, said the LORD, and do according to all that I have commanded thee.

22 A sound of battle *is* in the land and of great destruction.

23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! How is Babylon become a desolation among the Gentiles!

24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware; thou art found, and also caught because thou hast provoked the LORD.

25 The LORD has opened his treasury and has brought forth the vessels of his indignation; for this *is* the work of the Lord GOD of the hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 Come against her from the ends *of the earth*, open her storehouses; cast her up as heaps and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter. Woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

28 The voice of those that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

29 Call together the archers against Babylon; all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she has done, do unto her; for she has become proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.

30 Therefore shall her young men fall in her streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, said the LORD.

31 Behold, I *am* against thee, O *thou* proud one, said the Lord GOD of the hosts; for thy day is come, the time *that* I will visit thee.

32 And the proud one shall stumble and fall and have no one to raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

33 ¶ Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said: The sons of Israel and the sons of Judah *were* oppressed together; and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

34 Their Redeemer *is* strong; the LORD of the hosts *is* his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause that he may give rest to the land and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

35 A sword *is* upon the Chaldeans, said the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon and upon her princes and upon her wise *men*.

36 A sword *is* upon the fortune-tellers; and they shall be fools: a sword *is* upon her mighty men; and they shall be broken.

37 A sword *is* upon their horses and upon their chariots and upon all the mingled people that *are* in the midst of her; and they shall become as women; a sword *is* upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

38 A drought *is* upon her waters; and they shall be dried up; for it *is* the land of graven images, and they are become mad upon *their* idols.

39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell *there*, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall no longer be inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

41 Behold, a people comes from the north, and a great nation and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

42 They shall hold the bow and the lance; they *shall be* cruel and will not show mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, *every one* put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon has heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble; anguish took hold of him, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail.

44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the strong habitation; but I will rest and will make him run from upon her; and he who shall be chosen I will appoint over her. For who *is* like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD that he has taken against Babylon and his thoughts that he has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall drag them out, and they shall destroy their habitations with them.

46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon, the earth was moved, and the cry was heard among the Gentiles.

Jeremiah 51

1 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said; Behold, I raise up against Babylon and against her inhabitants that rise up against me from the heart, a destroying wind.

2 And I will send unto Babylon fanners that shall fan her and shall empty her land; for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.

3 *I shall say* to the archer that bends his bow and unto him that lifts himself up in his brigandine, Spare ye not her young men; utterly destroy all her host.

4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans and *those that are* thrust through in her streets.

5 For Israel and Judah have not been made widows of their God, of the LORD of the hosts, though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.

6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon and deliver each one his soul that ye not perish because of her iniquity, for this *is* the time of the LORD's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense.

7 Babylon *has been* a golden cup in the LORD's hand that made all the earth drunken: the Gentiles have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed; howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

9 We applied *the medicine* to Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go each one into his own land; for her judgment is come unto heaven and is lifted up *even* to the clouds.

10 The LORD has brought our righteousness to light; come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.

11 Make bright the arrows; gather the shields; the LORD has awakened the spirit of the kings of the Medes; for his thought *is* against Babylon to destroy her; for it *is* vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.

12 Set up the banner upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes; for the LORD has deliberated and

shall put into effect that which he spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon.

13 O thou that dwellest among many waters, rich in treasures, thine end is come, the measure of thy covetousness.

14 The LORD of the hosts has sworn by himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill thee with men as with locusts; and they shall sing the song *of the winepress* against thee.

15 He is the one who makes the earth by his power; he upholds the world by his wisdom and extends the heavens by his intelligence;

16 he who gives with *his* voice a multitude of waters from heaven, then he causes the clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth; he makes lightnings with the rain and brings forth the wind out of his treasures.

17 Every man has become carnal and is without knowledge; let every founder be ashamed of the graven image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them.

18 They *are* vanity, the work of errors; in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

19 The portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for he *is* the Former of all things; and *Israel is* the rod of his inheritance; the LORD of the hosts *is* his name.

20 Thou *art* my hammer, O weapons of war: for with thee I will break in pieces the Gentiles, and with thee I will destroy kingdoms;

21 and with thee I will break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee I will break in pieces the chariots and their riders;

22 with thee also I will break in pieces men and women; and with thee I will break in pieces old and young; and with thee I will break in pieces young men and virgins;

23 I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee I will break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee I will break in pieces dukes and princes.

24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, said the LORD.

25 Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying mountain, said the LORD, which destroys all the earth; and I will stretch out my hand upon thee and roll thee down from the rocks and will make thee a burnt mountain.

26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, said the LORD.

27 Set ye up a banner in the land, blow the shofar among the Gentiles, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause *the* horses to come up as raised up locusts.

28 Prepare the nations against her: the kings of Media, the captains thereof, and all the princes thereof, and all the land of their dominion.

29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow for every thought of the LORD is confirmed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborne to fight; they have remained in *their* holds; their might has failed; they became as women: the *enemies* have burned her dwelling places; they have broken her bars.

31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Babylon that his city is taken in all places,

32 And the fords were taken, and they have burned the reeds with fire, and the men of war were astounded.

33 For thus hath the LORD of the hosts, the God of Israel said: The daughter of Babylon *is* like a threshingfloor; *it is* now time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me; he has crushed me; he has made me an empty vessel, he has swallowed me up like a dragon; he has filled his belly with my delicates; he has cast me out.

35 The violence against me and my flesh *be* upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

36 Therefore thus hath the LORD said: Behold, I judge thy cause and shall take thy vengeance; and I will dry up her sea and make her flowing *waters* dry.

37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for dragons, an astonishment, and a hissing, without an inhabitant.

38 They shall roar together like lions; they shall roar as lions' whelps.

39 In their heat I will place their feasts *before them*, and I will make them drunken that they may rejoice and sleep an eternal sleep and not wake, said the LORD.

40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.

41 How is Sheshach a prey! and how is she who was the praise of the whole earth taken! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the Gentiles!

42 The sea is come up upon Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

43 Her cities were devastated, the land dry and desert, a land in which no man dwells, neither shall *any* son of man pass thereby.

44 And I will visit Bel himself in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up; and the Gentiles shall not flow together any more unto him; and the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 Come out of the midst of her, my people, and save each one his life from the fierce anger of the LORD.

46 And lest your heart faint, and ye fear because of the news that shall be heard in the land; in one year shall the news come, and after that in the *next* year *shall come* the rumour, and *then shall come* the violence in the land, and the ruler over him who rules.

47 Therefore, behold, the days come that I will visit the graven images of Babylon; and her whole land shall be ashamed, and all her dead shall fall in the midst of her.

48 Then the heavens and the earth and all that *is* therein shall sing praises over Babylon; for the destroyers shall come unto her from the north, said the LORD.

49 As Babylon *has caused the* dead of Israel to fall, so because of Babylon *the* dead of all the earth fell.

50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, do not tarry: remember the LORD for many days, and remember Jerusalem.

51 We are ashamed, because we have heard the reproach; confusion has covered our faces; for strangers are come against the sanctuaries of the LORD's house.

52 Therefore, behold, the days come, said the LORD, that I will visit her graven images; and through all her *land the wounded* unto death shall groan.

53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify her strength upon high, *yet* from me shall destroyers come unto her, said the LORD.

54 The sound of a cry *comes* from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!

55 Because the LORD destroys Babylon and takes out of her the many thunders, her waves shall roar; like many waters shall be the sound of their voice:

56 because the destroyer is come against her, *even* upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, their bow is broken: for the LORD God of recompenses shall surely requite.

57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise *men*, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep an eternal sleep and shall not wake, saith the King, whose name *is* the LORD of the hosts.

58 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly cast down, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and peoples and nations shall labour in vain in the fire *to save her*, and they shall become weary.

59 ¶ The word which Jeremiah the prophet sent to Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And *this* Seraiah *was* the chief steward of the bedchambers.

60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, *even* all these words that are written against Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon and shalt see and shalt read all these things;

62 then thou shalt say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that no one shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.

63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, *that* thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates;

64 and thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be overcome. Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 52

1 ¶ Zedekiah *was* twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

3 For because of the anger of the LORD against Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out of his presence, Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

4 Therefore it came to pass after nine years of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day of* the month, *that* Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem and pitched camp against it and built forts against it round about.

5 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth *day of* the month, the famine prevailed in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.

7 Then the city was breached, and all the men of war fled and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden, and they went by the way of the desert, even though the Chaldeans *were* by the city round about.

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king and took Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

9 So they took the king and caused him to come up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath where he pronounced the sentence upon him.

10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes; he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

11 But he put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him in chains; and the king of Babylon caused him to be taken to Babylon and put him in prison until the day of his death.

12 ¶ And in the fifth month, in the tenth *day of* the month, which *was* the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan,

captain of the guard, *who* served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem

13 and burned the house of the LORD and the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great house he burned with fire:

14 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that *were* with the captain of the guard, destroyed all the walls of Jerusalem round about.

15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive *certain* of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and the fugitives that had fled to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

16 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left *certain* of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for husbandmen.

17 Also the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brazen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon.

18 The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass with which they ministered, they took away.

19 And the basins, and the censers, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the lampstands, and the spoons, and the cups; *that* which *was* of gold *in* gold, and *that* which *was* of silver *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away.

20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brazen bulls that *were* under the bases, which King Solomon had made in the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels could not be weighed.

21 And *concerning* the pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof *was* four fingers: *it was* hollow.

22 And a chapter of brass *was* upon it; and the height of one chapter *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapters round about, all *of* brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates *were* like unto these.

23 And there *were* ninety-six pomegranates on a side; *and* all the pomegranates upon the network *were* one hundred round about.

24 ¶ And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door.

25 He also took out of the city a eunuch, who had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of those that were near the king's person, who were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land for war; and sixty men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city.

26 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

28 This *is* the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand and twenty-three Jews:

29 In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty-two persons:

30 In the twenty-third year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty-five persons: all the persons *were* four thousand six hundred.

31 ¶ And it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty-fifth *day* of the month, *that* Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the *first* year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him forth out of prison

32 and spoke kindly unto him and set his seat above the seat of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon

33 and changed his prison garments: and he continually ate bread before him all the days of his life.

34 And *for* his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every thing in its day for all the *days* of his life, until the day of his death.

The
Lamentations
of Jeremiah

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Lamentations 1

1 ¶ *Aleph* How does the city sit solitary, *that was* full of people! The great one among the nations is become as a widow; the princess of provinces is become tributary.

2 *Beth* She weeps sore in the night, and her tears *are* on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort *her*; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they are become her enemies.

3 *Gimel* Judah is gone into captivity because of the affliction and because of the greatness of the servitude; she dwells among the Gentiles; she finds no rest; all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

4 *Daleth* The streets of Zion mourn because there are none to come to the solemnities; all her gates *are* destroyed; her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she *is* in bitterness.

5 *He* Her enemies have been made the head; those who hated her have been prospered; for the LORD has afflicted her for the multitude of her rebellions; her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

6 *Vau* And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed; her princes are become like harts *that* find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

7 *Zain* Jerusalem remembered the days of her affliction and of her rebellions and of all her desirable things that she had in the times of old when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and no one helped her; the enemies saw her *and* mocked at her days of rest.

8 *Cheth* Jerusalem has grievously sinned; therefore she is removed; all that honoured her despise her because they have seen her nakedness; yea, she sighs and is turned backward.

9 *Teth* Her filthiness *is* in her skirts; she did not remember her latter end; therefore she came down surprisingly; she has no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction, for the enemy has magnified *himself*.

10 *Jod* The enemy has spread out his hand upon all her precious things, and *she* saw the Gentiles enter into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command *that* they should not enter into thy congregation.

11 *Caph* All her people sought their bread with sadness; they have given all their precious things for food to maintain life; see, O LORD, and consider, for I am *become* vile.

12 ¶ *Lamed* Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there is any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is come unto me because the LORD has afflicted *me* in the day of his fierce anger.

13 *Mem* From upon high he has sent fire into my bones, and it prevails against them; he has spread a net for my feet; he has turned me back; he has made me desolate *and* always with pain.

14 *Nun* The yoke of my rebellions is bound in his hand; they are wreathed *and* come up upon my neck; he has made my strength to fall; the Lord has delivered me into *their* hands, *from whom* I am not able to rise up.

15 *Samech* The Lord has trodden under foot all my mighty *men* in the midst of me; he has called a company against me to crush my young men; the Lord has trodden the virgin daughter of Judah *as* in a winepress.

16 *Ain* For these *things* I weep; my eyes, my eyes stream with water because the comforter that gives rest unto my soul has left me; my sons are desolate because the enemy prevailed.

17 *Pe* Zion spread forth her hands and has no comforter; the LORD gave a commandment against Jacob that his enemies *should* besiege him; Jerusalem was an abomination in the midst of them.

18 *Tzaddi* The LORD is righteous, for I have rebelled against his mouth; hear now, all the peoples and see my sorrow; my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

19 *Koph* I called unto my lovers, *but* they have deceived me; my priests and my elders in the city perished seeking food to maintain their lives.

20 *Resh* Look, O LORD; for I *am* in distress; my bowels are troubled; my heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled; abroad the sword bereaves; at home *there is* as death.

21 *Schin* They have heard that I sigh; and there is no comforter for me; all my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done *it*. Thou hast brought the day *that* thou hast spoken of, but they shall be like unto me.

22 *Tau* Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them as thou hast done unto me for all my rebellions; for my sighs *are* many, and my heart *is* filled with pain.

Lamentations 2

1 ¶ *Aleph* How has the Lord darkened the daughter of Zion in his anger! He has cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel and not remembered his footstool in the day of his anger!

2 *Beth* The Lord has destroyed and has not forgiven; he has destroyed in his wrath all the habitations of Jacob; he has thrown down to the ground the strong holds of the daughter of Judah; he has polluted the kingdom and its princes.

3 *Gimel* He has cut off in *his* fierce anger all the horn of Israel; he has caused his right hand to draw back in the presence of the enemy, and he burned in Jacob like a flaming fire, *which* devours round about.

4 *Daleth* He has bent his bow like an enemy; he strengthened his right hand as an adversary and slew everything of beauty that could be seen in the tent of the daughter of Zion; he poured out his fury like fire.

5 *He* The Lord was as an enemy, he has destroyed Israel; he has destroyed all her palaces; he has dissipated his strong holds and has multiplied in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

6 *Vau* And he has violently taken away his tabernacle as *if it were of* a garden; he has destroyed his congregation; the LORD has caused the solemnities and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion and has rejected in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

7 *Zain* The Lord has cast off his altar; he has abhorred his sanctuary; he has given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have shouted in the house of the LORD as in the day of a feast.

8 *Cheth* The LORD has purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion; he has stretched out the line; he has not withdrawn his hand from destroying; therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they were destroyed together.

9 *Teth* Her gates were thrown to the ground; he has destroyed and broken her bars; her king and her princes *are carried off* among the Gentiles; there is no law; nor have her prophets found vision from the LORD.

10 ¶ *Jod* The elders of the daughter of Zion sat upon the ground *and* are silent: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves

with sackcloth; the daughters of Jerusalem hung their heads down to the ground.

11 *Caph* My eyes fail with tears; my bowels are troubled; my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people because the children and the sucklings faint in the streets of the city.

12 *Lamed* They said to their mothers, Where *is* the wheat and the wine? fainting as the dead in the streets of the city, pouring out their souls into their mothers' bosom.

13 *Mem* What witness shall I take to thee? Or unto whom shall I liken thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? Unto whom shall I compare thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach *is* as great as the sea: who shall heal thee?

14 *Nun* Thy prophets have preached vanity and foolishness unto thee; and they have not uncovered thine iniquity to turn away thy captivity but have preached unto thee vain prophecies and digressions.

15 *Samech* All that passed by clapped *their* hands over thee and whistled and wagged their heads over the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying*, *Is* this the city that *men* called The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?

16 *Pe* All thine enemies opened their mouths regarding thee; they whistled and gnashed their teeth; they said, Swallow *her* up; certainly this *is* the day that we looked for; we have found it, we have seen *it*.

17 *Ain* The LORD has done *that* which he had determined; he has fulfilled his word that he had commanded from *the* time of old; he has destroyed and has not forgiven; and he has caused *thine* enemy to rejoice over thee; he has raised up the horn of thine adversaries.

18 *Tsade* Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion; let tears run down like a river day and night; give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

19 *Koph* Arise, cry out in the night; in the beginning of the watches; pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord; lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

20 *Resh* Look, O LORD, and consider unto whom thou hast shaken thus. Shall the women eat their fruit, the little ones that they are bringing up? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

21 *Schin* The young and the old lay on the ground in the streets; my virgins and my young men fell by the sword; thou hast slain *them* in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed *and* hast not forgiven.

22 *Tau* Thou hast called as to a day of solemnity my terrors from everywhere, so that in the day of the LORD's anger no one escaped nor remained: those that I have swaddled and brought up my enemy has consumed.

Lamentations 3

- 1 ¶ *Aleph* I *am* a man *that* sees affliction in the rod of his wrath.
- 2 *Aleph* He has led me and brought *me into* darkness, but not *into* light.
- 3 *Aleph* Surely he is turned against me; he turns his hand *against me* all the day.
- 4 *Beth* My flesh and my skin he has made old; he has broken my bones.
- 5 *Beth* He has built against me and compassed *me* with gall and travail.
- 6 *Beth* He has set me in dark places as *those that are* dead for ever.
- 7 *Gimel* He has hedged me about that I cannot get out; he has made my chain heavy.
- 8 *Gimel* Even when I cried and shouted, he shut out my prayer.
- 9 *Gimel* He has enclosed my ways with hewn stone; he has made my paths crooked.
- 10 *Daleth* He *was* unto me *as* a bear lying in wait *and as* a lion in secret places.
- 11 *Daleth* He has made my ways crooked and pulled me in pieces; he has made me desolate.
- 12 *Daleth* He has bent his bow and set me as a mark for the arrow.
- 13 *He* He has caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my kidneys.
- 14 *He* I was a derision to all my people *and* their song every day.
- 15 *He* He has filled me with bitterness, he has made me drunk with wormwood.
- 16 *Vau* He has broken my teeth with gravel stones; he has covered me with ashes.
- 17 *Vau* My soul removed itself far from peace; I forgot about good.
- 18 *Vau* And I said, My strength and my hope of the LORD is perished.
- 19 *Zain* Remember my affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.
- 20 *Zain* My soul shall have *them* still in remembrance because it is humbled in me.

21 ¶ *Zain* This shall go down into my heart; therefore I shall wait.

22 *Cheth* It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed because his mercies never diminish.

23 *Cheth* They are new every morning; great is thy faith.

24 *Cheth* The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore I will wait for him.

25 *Teth* The LORD is good unto those that wait in him, to the soul *that* seeks him.

26 *Teth* It is good to wait quietly in the salvation of the LORD.

27 *Teth* It is good for the man if he bears the yoke from his youth.

28 *Jod* He shall sit alone and keep silence because he has borne *it* upon him.

29 *Jod* He shall put his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

30 *Jod* He shall turn *his* cheek unto him that smites him; he shall be filled with reproach.

31 *Caph* For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

32 *Caph* But though he causes grief, yet he will also have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 *Caph* For he does not afflict nor grieve the sons of men from his heart.

34 *Lamed* To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,

35 *Lamed* To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High,

36 *Lamed* To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord does not approve.

37 ¶ *Mem* Who shall he be that saith that something comes which the Lord has not sent?

38 *Mem* Out of the mouth of the most High proceeds not evil and good?

39 *Mem* Why does the living man have pain, the man in his sins?

40 *Nun* Let us search out our ways, and seek, and turn again to the LORD.

41 *Nun* Let us lift up our heart with *our* hands unto God in the heavens.

42 ¶ *Nun* We have rebelled and been disloyal; therefore thou hast not forgiven.

43 *Samech* Thou hast unfurled anger and persecuted us; thou hast slain, thou hast not forgiven.

44 *Samech* Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud that *our* prayer should not pass through.

45 *Samech* Thou hast made us *as* the offscouring and abomination in the midst of the peoples.

46 *Pe* All our enemies have opened their mouths upon us.

47 *Pe* Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.

48 *Pe* My eyes stream with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

49 *Ain* My eyes run down, and cease not, for there is no relief,

50 *Ain* Until the LORD looks down, and beholds from the heavens.

51 *Ain* My eyes make my soul sad because of all the daughters of my city.

52 *Tzaddi* My enemies hunted me like a bird, without cause.

53 *Tzaddi* They bound up my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me.

54 *Tzaddi* Waters flowed over my head; *then* I said, I am dead.

55 ¶ *Koph* I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon.

56 *Koph* Thou hast heard my voice; do not hide thine ear at my cry that I might breath.

57 *Koph* Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee; thou didst say, Fear not.

58 *Resh* O Lord, thou hast pleaded the cause of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.

59 *Resh* O LORD, thou hast seen where I was wrong; plead thou my cause.

60 *Resh* Thou hast seen all their vengeance *and* all their imaginations against me.

61 *Schin* Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, *and* all their imaginations against me;

62 *Schin* The words of those that rose up against me, and their design against me all the day.

63 *Schin* Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I *am* their music.

64 *Tau* Render unto them a recompense, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.

65 *Tau* Give them sorrow of heart; thy curse unto them.

66 *Tau* Persecute them in thy anger and cut them off from under the heavens, oh LORD.

Lamentations 4

1 ¶ *Aleph* How is the gold become dim! *how* is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are scattered through the crossings of every street.

2 *Beth* The sons of Zion, precious and esteemed more than pure gold, how are they taken for earthen vessels, the work of the hands of the potter!

3 *Gimel* Even the sea monsters draw out the breast; they give suck to their young ones; the daughter of my people is cruel like the ostriches in the wilderness.

4 *Daleth* The tongue of the sucking child cleaves to the roof of his mouth for thirst; the young children ask for bread, and there was no one to break it unto them.

5 *He* Those that did feed delicately are made desolate in the streets; those that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

6 *Vau* For the iniquity of the daughter of my people has increased more than the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and companies did not camp upon her.

7 *Zain* Her Nazarites were whiter than snow; they were more radiant than milk; their composure had more fire than the precious stones cut from sapphire:

8 *Cheth* Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets; their skin cleaves to their bones; it is withered; it is dry like a stick.

9 *Teth* Those slain with the sword are better than *those* slain with hunger; for these pine away, stricken through for *want of* the fruits of the earth.

10 *Jod* The hands of the compassionate women have cooked their own children; they were their food in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

11 *Caph* The LORD has accomplished his fury; he has poured out his fierce anger and has kindled a fire in Zion, and it has devoured the foundations thereof.

12 *Lamed* The kings of the earth and all the inhabitants of the world never believed that the adversary and the enemy would enter in through the gates

of Jerusalem.

13 ¶ *Mem* For the sins of her prophets *and* the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,

14 *Nun* They have wandered blindly in the streets; they were polluted in blood, so that no one could touch their garments.

15 *Samech* They cried unto them, Depart ye; *it is* unclean; depart, depart, touch not because they were contaminated; and *when they were* thrust through, they said among the Gentiles, They shall never dwell here again.

16 *Pe* The anger of the LORD has separated them; he will never look upon them again. They did not respect the countenance of the priests, nor did they have compassion on the elders.

17 *Ain* As for us, our eyes have failed in seeking our vain help; in our watching we have watched for people *that* cannot save *us*.

18 *Tzaddi* They hunt our steps that we cannot walk in our streets; our end came near; our days were fulfilled; for our end is come.

19 *Koph* Our persecutors were swifter than the eagles of the heaven; they pursued us upon the mountains; they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20 *Resh* The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we had said, Under his shadow we shall live among the Gentiles.

21 ¶ *Schin* Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup shall also pass even unto thee; thou shalt be drunken and shalt vomit.

22 *Tau* The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will never cause thee to be carried away again; he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will uncover thy sins.

Lamentations 5

- 1 ¶ Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us; look, and behold our reproach.
- 2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.
- 3 We are orphans without father; our mothers *are* as widows.
- 4 We have drunk our water for money; our wood is sold unto us.
- 5 Our necks *are* under persecution; we are become tired *and* have no rest.
- 6 We have given the hand *to* the Egyptians *and to* the Assyrians to be satisfied with bread.
- 7 Our fathers have sinned *and are* dead; and we have borne their chastisements.
- 8 Slaves have ruled over us: there was no one to deliver *us* out of their hand.
- 9 We got our bread with *the peril of* our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.
- 10 Our skin became black like an oven because of the terrible famine.
- 11 They ravished the women in Zion *and* the virgins in the cities of Judah.
- 12 Princes were hanged up by their hand; the countenance of the elders was not honoured.
- 13 They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood.
- 14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music.
- 15 The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.
- 16 The crown is fallen *from* our head; woe now unto us, for we have sinned!
- 17 ¶ For this our heart is saddened; for these *things* our eyes are become dim.
- 18 Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.
- 19 Thou, O LORD, *shall* remain for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.
- 20 Why should thou forget us for ever *and* forsake us for such *a* long time?

21 Turn us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as at the beginning.

22 For in stepping back thou hast rejected us; thou hast become very angry against us.

Ezekiel

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Ezekiel 1

1 ¶ Now it came to pass at thirty years, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the river of Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

2 In the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity,

3 the word of the LORD came *expressly* unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the LORD came upon him.

4 ¶ And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, and a great cloud, and a fire enfolding itself, and a brightness *was* about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

5 Also out of the midst thereof *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* their appearance: they had the likeness of man.

6 And each one had four faces, and four wings.

7 And their feet *were* straight feet; and the sole of their feet *was* like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the colour of highly burnished brass.

8 And *they had* the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and their faces and their wings on *all* four sides.

9 With their wings they joined one to another; they did not return when they went; they went each one straight in the direction they were facing.

10 And the likeness of their faces was human faces; and lion faces, on the right side; and they four had ox faces on the left side; likewise they four had eagle faces.

11 Thus *were* their faces; and their wings *were* stretched upward; two *wings* of each one *were* joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

12 And they went each one straight forward in the direction they were facing: wherever the Spirit directed them to go, they went; *and* they did not return when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire *and* like the appearance of *lit* torches; the *fire* went up and down among the living creatures and the brightness of the fire; and out of the fire went forth lightning.

14 And the living creatures ran and turned as the appearance of lightnings.

15 ¶ Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold a wheel upon the earth with its four rims by the living creatures.

16 The appearance of the wheels and their work *was* like unto the colour of a *stone of Tarsis or beryl*; and they four had one likeness; and their appearance and their workmanship *was* as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17 When they went, they went upon their four sides: *and* they did not return when they went.

18 And their ribs were high and dreadful, and full of eyes round about them in all four.

19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went with them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

20 Wherever the spirit wished to go, they went; wherever the spirit directed them, the wheels also rose up after them: for the spirit of the living creatures *was* in the wheels.

21 When those went, *these* went; and when those stood, *these* stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up after them: for the spirit of the living creatures *was* in the wheels.

22 And over the heads of each living creature there appeared a heaven like a marvellous crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

23 And under the heaven their wings *were* straight, one toward the other: each one had two, and another two which covered their bodies.

24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters, as the voice of the Almighty, when they went; the voice of the word, as the voice of an army. When they stood, they let down their wings.

25 And there was heard a voice from the heaven that *was* over their heads, when they stood, *and* had let down their wings.

26 ¶ And above the heaven that *was* over their heads *was* the figure of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the figure of the throne *was* a likeness as the appearance of a man seated upon it.

27 And I saw something that looked like the colour of amber, that appeared to have fire round about within it, which could be seen from his loins upward; and from his loins downward, I saw what looked like fire, and it had brightness round about

28 that looked like the bow of heaven that is in the clouds in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. This *was* the vision of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And I saw it and fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.

Ezekiel 2

1 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee.

2 And spirit entered into me when he spoke unto me and set me upon my feet, and I heard him that spoke unto me.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the sons of Israel, to rebellious Gentiles that have rebelled against me: they and their fathers have rebelled against me, *even* unto this very day.

4 And to sons *that have* hard faces and strong hearts do I send thee; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said.

5 And they will not hear nor forbear (for they *are* a rebellious house), but they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

6 ¶ And thou, son of man, do not be afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, for they are rebels; though thou find thyself among thorns and thy dwelling be with briers, do not be afraid of their words, nor fear before them, for they are a rebellious house.

7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, but they will not hear nor forbear, for they are rebels.

8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Do not be rebellious like the rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat what I give thee.

9 And I looked, and behold, *a* hand was sent unto me; and in it was *the* roll of a book,

10 and he spread it before me; and it *was* written within and without; and *there* was written therein lamentations and mourning and woes.

Ezekiel 3

1 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, eat what thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.

2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. I ate it and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

4 Then he said unto me, Son of man, go and enter into the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

5 For thou *art* not sent to a people of a profound speech nor of a hard language, *but* to the house of Israel;

6 not to many peoples of profound speech nor of hard language, whose words thou can not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.

7 But the house of Israel will not desire to hear; for they do not desire to hear me: for all the house of Israel *are* impudent and hardhearted.

8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.

9 As diamond harder than flint I have made thy forehead: do not fear them, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house.

10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.

11 And go, and enter in among the captives, unto the sons of thy people, and thou shalt speak unto them, and tell them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said, They will not hear, nor forbear.

12 And the Spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of great thunder of the blessed glory of the LORD *leaving* his place,

13 and the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of great thunder.

14 And the Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

15 And I came unto the captives at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there disheartened among them seven days.

16 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of the seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

17 Son of man, I have placed thee as a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die and thou dost not give him warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, that he might live, the same wicked *man* shall die for his iniquity; but his blood I will require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness nor from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

20 Again, When the righteous *man* turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die because thou hast not given him warning; he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at thy hand.

21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous *man* that the righteous not sin and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

22 ¶ And the hand of the LORD came upon me there; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will talk with thee there.

23 Then I arose and went forth into the plain, and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar; and I fell on my face.

24 Then spirit entered into me and set me upon my feet, and *he* spoke with me and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house.

25 And thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them;

26 and I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth that thou shalt be dumb and shalt not be to them a reprover; for they *are* a rebellious house.

27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: He that hears, let him hear, and he that forbears; let him forbear: for they *are* a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 4

1 ¶ Thou also, son of man, take a tile and lay it before thee and portray upon it the city of Jerusalem

2 and lay siege against it and build a fort against it and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set *battering* rams against it round about.

3 And take an iron pan and set it *for* a wall of iron between thee and the city; and set thy face against it and it shall be for an encompassment, and thou shalt lay siege against the *city*. This *shall be* a sign to the house of Israel.

4 Thou shalt sleep upon thy left side and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it; *according* to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity.

5 For I have summed up *for* thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6 And when thou hast accomplished them, thou shalt sleep on thy right side *this* second time, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: *a* day for *a* year; I have appointed thee *each* day for *a* year.

7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm *shall be* uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against her.

8 And, behold, I laced bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn from one side to another until thou hast ended the days *appointed thee* upon thy sides.

9 ¶ Take also unto thee wheat and barley and beans and lentils and millet and fitches and put them in one vessel and make thee bread thereof, *according* to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.

10 And thy food which thou shalt eat *shall be* by weight, twenty shekels a day; from time to time shalt thou eat it.

11 Thou shalt also drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin; from time to time shalt thou drink.

12 And thou shalt eat barley cakes baked under the ashes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that comes out of man, in their sight.

13 And the LORD said, Even thus shall the sons of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, where I will drive them.

14 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul is not defiled: for from my youth up even until now have I not eaten of that which dies of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither has abominable flesh come into my mouth.

15 Then he said unto me, Behold, I give thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread with it.

16 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I break the sustenance of bread in Jerusalem; and they shall eat bread by weight, and with anguish; and they shall drink water by measure, and with terror.

17 For they shall lack bread and water, and terrorize one another, and faint because of their iniquity.

Ezekiel 5

1 ¶ And thou, son of man, take a sharp knife, take a barber's razor, and cause *it* to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard; then take balances to weigh, and divide the *hair*.

2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take a third part *and* smite about it with a knife; and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.

3 Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number and bind them in the skirt of thy garment.

4 Then take of them again and cast them into the midst of the fire and burn them in the fire; *for* thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

5 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD said: This *is* Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the Gentiles and of the lands *that are* round about her.

6 And she has changed my judgments and my statutes into wickedness more than the Gentiles and more than the lands that *are* round about her; for they have disregarded my judgments and my commandments and have not walked in them.

7 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because *I* multiplied you more than the Gentiles that *are* round about you, ye have not walked in my commandments, neither have ye kept my judgments. Ye have not even acted according to the judgments of the Gentiles that *are* round about you.

8 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I, even I, *am* against thee and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the Gentiles.

9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done and whereunto I will not do any more the like because of all thine abominations.

10 For the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee I will scatter into all the winds.

11 Therefore, *as* I live, said the Lord GOD, surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy contaminations and with all thine abominations,

therefore I will also destroy *thee*; neither shall my eye forgive, neither will I have mercy.

12 A third part of thee shall die of pestilence, and shall be consumed with famine in the midst of thee, and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee, and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

13 Thus shall my anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to cease in them, and I will be comforted; and they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* in my zeal when I have accomplished my fury in them.

14 And I will make thee a desert and a reproach among the Gentiles that *are* round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by.

15 And thou shalt be a reproach and a dishonour, and a chastisement and a terror unto the Gentiles that *are* round about thee when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken.

16 When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for *their* destruction *and* which I will send to destroy you, then I will increase the famine upon you and will destroy your sustenance of bread.

17 So I will send upon you famine and evil beasts that will destroy thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I, the LORD, have spoken.

Ezekiel 6

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel and prophesy against them,

3 and thou shalt say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD. Thus hath the Lord GOD said to the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys: Behold, I, *even* I, bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.

4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your images of the sun shall be destroyed, and I will cause your dead to fall before your idols.

5 And I will lay the dead carcasses of the sons of Israel before their idols, and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.

6 In all your provinces the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate that your altars may be laid waste and condemned, and your idols shall be destroyed and shall cease, and your images of the sun shall be cut down, and your works shall be abolished.

7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

8 ¶ Yet I will leave a remnant that ye may have *some* that shall escape the sword among the Gentiles when ye shall be scattered through the countries.

9 And those that escape of you shall remember me among the Gentiles where they shall be carried captives because I am broken because of your whorish heart, which has departed from me and because of your eyes, which went a whoring after your idols: and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

10 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD *and that* I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

11 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Smite with thine hand and stamp with thy foot and say, Alas for all the abominations of the evils of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence, and he that is near shall fall by the sword, and he that remains and is besieged shall die by the famine:

thus will I accomplish my fury in them.

13 Then shall ye know that I *am* the LORD when their slain *men* shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they offered sweet savour to all their idols.

14 So will I stretch out my hand upon them and make the land desolate, *even* more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Ezekiel 7

- 1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 and thou son of man, thus hath the Lord GOD said unto the land of Israel:
The end, the end comes upon the four corners of the land.
3 Now *shall be* the end upon thee, and I will send my anger upon thee and
will judge thee according to thy ways and will recompense upon thee all
thine abominations.
4 And my eye shall not forgive thee, neither will I have mercy; but I will
recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the
midst of thee; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
5 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: An evil, behold, an evil is come.
6 An end is come, the end is come; it watches for thee; behold, it is come.
7 The morning comes for thee. O thou that dwellest in the land; the time
comes, the day is near, the day of trouble, and it shall not be the echo of the
mountains.
8 Now I will shortly pour out my fury upon thee and accomplish my anger
in thee; and I will judge thee according to thy ways and place all thine
abominations upon thee.
9 And my eye shall not forgive, neither will I have mercy; I will
recompense thee according to thy ways, and thine abominations shall be in
the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD that smites.
10 Behold the day, behold, it comes; the morning is gone forth; the rod has
blossomed; pride has budded.
11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness; nothing *shall remain* of
them, nor of their riches, nor of anything of theirs; neither *shall there be*
lamentation for them.
12 The time is come, the day draws near; do not let the buyer rejoice, nor the
seller mourn; for wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof.
13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold although they remain
alive, for the vision *is* touching the whole multitude thereof and shall not be
cancelled; neither shall any in the iniquity of his life strengthen himself.

14 They shall blow the trumpet and make everything ready, but there *shall be* no one to go forth to the battle, for my wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof.

15 The sword *is* without, and the pestilence and the famine within; he that *is* in the field shall die with the sword, and he that *is* in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

16 ¶ And those that escape of them shall be upon the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, each one for his iniquity.

17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak *as* water.

18 They shall also gird *themselves* with sackcloth, and trembling shall cover them; and shame *shall be* upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

19 They shall cast their silver in the streets and their gold far from *them* their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD; they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels because it shall be the stumblingblock of their iniquity.

20 Because they turned the glory of his ornament into pride and made in her the images of their abominations of their statues; therefore I have set it far from them.

21 And I gave it into the hands of the strangers for a prey and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it.

22 I will also turn my face from them, and they shall pollute my secret *place*, for the destroyers shall enter into it and defile it.

23 ¶ Make *a* chain, for the land is full of bloody judgments, and the city is full of violence.

24 Therefore I will bring the worst of all the Gentiles, and they shall possess their houses; I will also cause the arrogance of the strong to cease; and their sanctuaries shall be defiled.

25 A cutting off comes, and they shall seek peace, and *there shall be* none.

26 Destruction shall come upon destruction, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then they shall seek an answer from the prophet, but the law shall perish from the priest and counsel from the elders.

27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto

them after their way, and according to their judgments I will judge them;
and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Ezekiel 8

1 ¶ And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, *as* I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.

2 And I saw, and behold a likeness as the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his loins downward was fire; and from his loins upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber.

3 And that likeness put forth his hand and took me by the locks of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between the heaven and the earth and brought me in *the* visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looks toward the north where the habitation of the image of jealousy *was*, which provokes to jealousy.

4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel *was* there like the vision that I saw in the plain.

5 Then he said unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel commits here to cause me to go far away from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.

7 ¶ And he brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.

8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall; and when I had dug in the wall, behold a door.

9 And he said unto me, Go in and see the wicked abominations that they do here.

10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of serpent and beasts; the abomination and all the idols of the house of Israel portrayed upon the wall round about.

11 And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, each man with his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, each man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the earth.

13 ¶ He also said unto me: Turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

14 Then he brought me to the entrance of the door of the LORD's house which *is* toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the entrance of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, *were* about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? For after they have filled the land with evil and have returned to provoke me to anger; behold, they put the stench to my nose.

18 Therefore I will also deal in fury: my eye shall not forgive, neither will I have mercy: and they shall cry in my ears with a loud voice; *yet* I will not hear them.

Ezekiel 9

1 ¶ And he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, The visitors of the city have come, even each one *with* his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lies toward the north, and each man *had* a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them *was* clothed with linen with a writer's inkhorn by his side; and they went in and stood beside the brazen altar.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel went up from over the cherubim, upon which he had been, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, who *had* the writer's inkhorn by his side;

4 and the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry out because of all the abominations that are done in the midst of her.

5 ¶ And to the others he said in my hearing, Go after him through the city and smite; do not let your eye forgive, neither have mercy.

6 Slay *the* old, *the* young men, and *the* virgins, *the* children and *the* women, but do not come near anyone upon whom *is* the mark; and ye must begin from my sanctuary. Then they began with *the* men, the elders, which *were* in front of the temple.

7 And he said unto them, Defile the house and fill the courts with the slain; go forth. And they went forth and slew in the city.

8 And it came to pass, after they had slain them, I was left, and I fell upon my face and cried out and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the remnant of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah *is* exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness, for they have said, The LORD has forsaken the earth, and the LORD does not see.

10 And as for me also, my eye shall not forgive, neither will I have mercy, *but* I will recompense their way upon their head.

11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, who *had* the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done according to all thou hast

commanded me.

Ezekiel 10

1 ¶ Then I looked, and, behold, above the heaven that was above the head of the cherubim there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 And he spoke to the man clothed with linen and said, Go in between the wheels under the cherubim and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter *them* over the city. And he went in, in my sight.

3 Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house when this man went in, and the cloud filled the inner court.

4 And the glory of the LORD had gone up from the cherubim to the threshold of the door, and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory.

5 And the thunder of the cherubim's wings was heard *even* to the outer court as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaks.

6 And it came to pass *that* when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubim; then he went in and stood among the wheels.

7 And *one* cherubim stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that *was* between the cherubim and took *thereof* and put *it* into the hands of *him that was* clothed with linen, who took *it* and went out.

8 ¶ And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 And when I looked, behold, four wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by each cherubim; and the colour of the wheels *was* as a stone of Tarsis *or* beryl.

10 And *as for* their appearance, the four were the same, as if one were in the midst of another.

11 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they did not turn as they went, but to the place where the first one went, they followed it; they did not turn as they went.

12 And all their flesh and their ribs and their hands and their wings and the wheels: they were full of eyes round about in their four wheels.

13 To the wheels, it was shouted unto them in my hearing, Roll!

14 And each one had four faces: the first face *was the face* of a cherubim; the second face *was the face* of a man; the third the face of a lion; the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubim rose up. These *are* the living creatures that I saw by the river of Chebar.

16 And when the cherubim went, the wheels went with them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also did not turn from beside them.

17 When they stood still, *these* stood still; and when they lifted up themselves, *these* lifted up themselves *also*; for the spirit of the living creatures *was* in them.

18 And the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house and stood over the cherubim.

19 And the cherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight; when they went out, the wheels also *were* in front of them, and they stood at the entrance of the east gate of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.

20 These *were* the living creatures that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they *were* cherubim.

21 Each one had four faces, and each one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man *was* under their wings.

22 And the likeness of their faces *was* the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearance and their being; each one went straight in the direction they were facing.

Ezekiel 11

1 ¶ And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me through the east gate of the LORD's house, which looks eastward; and behold at the entrance of the gate twenty-five men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

2 Then said he unto me, Son of man, these *are* the men that devise mischief and give wicked counsel in this city:

3 who say, *It is not near*; let us build houses; these *shall be* the caldron, and we the flesh.

4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.

5 And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me and said unto me, Say: Thus hath the LORD said, Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I have understood the things that come up into your spirit.

6 Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain.

7 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they *are* the flesh, and it *is* the caldron; but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

8 Ye have feared the sword, and I will bring a sword upon you, said the Lord GOD.

9 And I will bring you out of the midst thereof and deliver you into the hands of strangers and will execute judgments in you.

10 Ye shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

11 This *city* shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; *but* I must judge you in the border of Israel:

12 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD; for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither have ye acted *according to* my judgments, but according to the judgments of the Gentiles that *are* round about you.

13 And it came to pass, as I was prophesying that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell down upon my face and cried with a loud voice and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

14 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

15 Son of man, thy brethren, *even* thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel together, *are* they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD; unto us is this land given in possession.

16 Therefore say, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I will be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.

17 Therefore say, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: I will even gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

18 And they shall come there, and they shall remove all her contaminations and all her abominations from her.

19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh and will give them a heart of flesh:

20 that they may walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and fulfil them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

21 But *as for those* whose heart walks after the desire of their contaminations and of their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, said the Lord GOD.

22 ¶ Then the cherubim lifted up their wings and the wheels after them; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.

23 And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood upon the mountain which *is* on the east side of the city.

24 Afterwards the Spirit took me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into the land of the Chaldeans to the captives. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.

25 Then I spoke unto the captives all the words of the LORD that he had showed me.

Ezekiel 12

1 ¶ The word of the LORD also came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see and do not see; they have ears to hear and do not hear; for they *are* a rebellious house.

3 Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for moving and move by day in their sight and thou shalt move from thy place to another place in their sight: they will not see for they are a rebellious house.

4 And thou shalt bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for moving; and thou shalt go forth in the evening in their sight, as those that go forth to not return.

5 Dig through the wall in their sight, and leave thereby.

6 In their sight thou shalt bear *it* upon *thy* shoulders *and* carry *it* forth in the night; thou shalt cover thy face, and thou shalt not look at the land; for I have set thee *for* a sign unto the house of Israel.

7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for a journey, and in the evening I dug through the wall with my hand; I brought *it* forth in the night, *and* I bore *it* upon *my* shoulder in their sight.

8 And in the morning the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou?

10 Say thou unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: This burden *concerns* the prince in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel that *are* among them.

11 Say, I *am* your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: when they go to another country they shall go in captivity.

12 And the prince that *is* among them shall be born upon *their* shoulders in the night, and they shall go forth; they shall dig through the wall to carry him out thereby; he shall cover his face that he not see the land with *his* eyes.

13 But I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will cause him to be taken to Babylon *to* the land of the Chaldeans; yet he shall not see it though he shall die there.

14 And I will scatter toward every wind all that *were* about him to help him and all his companies; and I will draw out the sword after them.

15 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD when I shall scatter them among the Gentiles and disperse them in the countries.

16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the Gentiles where they go; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

17 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

18 Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking and drink thy water with trembling and with anxiety

19 and say unto the people of the land, Thus hath the Lord GOD said regarding the inhabitants of Jerusalem *and* the land of Israel. They shall eat their bread with anxiety and drink their water with terror that her land may be desolate from all that is in it because of the violence of all those that dwell therein.

20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

21 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

22 Son of man, what *is* that saying *that* ye have in the land of Israel that saith, The days shall be prolonged, and every vision shall fail?

23 Tell them therefore, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: I will make this saying to cease, and they shall not repeat this as a saying in Israel but say unto them, Those days have drawn nigh, and the fulfillment of every vision.

24 For there shall no longer be any vain vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.

25 Because I, the LORD, will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall no longer be prolonged, for in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and will perform it, said the Lord GOD.

26 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

27 Son of man, behold, *those* of the house of Israel say, The vision that he sees is for many days *to come*, and he prophesies of the times *that are* far off.

28 Therefore say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: All of my words shall not be prolonged any longer, but the word which I have spoken shall

be done, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 13

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy and say unto those that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD:

3 thus hath the Lord GOD said: Woe unto the foolish prophets that follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!

4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.

5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.

6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD has not sent them, and they have made *others* to wait for the word to be confirmed.

7 Have ye not seen a vain vision and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD hath said *it*; albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies; therefore, behold, I *am* against you, said the Lord GOD.

9 And my hand shall be against the prophets that see vanity and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the book of the house of Israel, neither shall they return to the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

10 ¶ Therefore and because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and *there was* no peace; and one built up the wall, and, behold, others plastered it with loose mud:

11 say unto those who plaster *it* with loose mud, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing rain; and I shall send great hailstones that will cause it to fall; and a stormy wind shall rend *it*.

12 And behold, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where *is* the mud with which ye have plastered *it*?

13 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: I will cause a stormy wind to rend *it* in my fury; and there shall come an overflowing rain in my anger and great hailstones in *my* wrath to consume *it*.

14 So I will break down the wall that ye have plastered with loose mud and bring it down to the ground, and its foundation shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall and upon those that have plastered it with loose mud and will say unto you, The wall *is* no *more*, neither those that plastered it;

16 *to wit*, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem and who see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, said the Lord GOD.

17 ¶ Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy thou against them,

18 And say, Thus hath the Lord GOD said; Woe to the *women* that sew pillows to all armholes and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Must ye hunt the souls of my people to maintain thus your own life?

19 And will ye profane me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, slaying the souls that should not die and giving life to the souls that *should* not live, by your lying to my people that listen to the lie?

20 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said; Behold, I *am* against your pillows, with which ye hunt there the loose souls, and I will tear them from your arms and will let the souls go, *even* the loose souls that ye hunt.

21 Your kerchiefs also I will tear and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and ye strengthen the hands of the wicked that he should not leave his wicked way, encouraging him:

23 therefore ye shall not see vanity, nor divine divinations any longer: for I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Ezekiel 14

1 ¶ Then certain of the elders of Israel came unto me and sat before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, these men have caused their uncleanness to come up over their heart and *have* established the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them?

4 Therefore speak unto them and say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Every man of the house of Israel that sets up his idols in his heart and has established the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face and comes to the prophet, I, the LORD, will answer him that comes like this in the multitude of his idols

5 that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Repent and cause them to repent from your idols and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

7 For any man of the house of Israel or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel who has separated himself from walking after me and has set up his idols in his heart and has established the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face and comes to the prophet to enquire of him concerning me, I, the LORD, will answer him by myself:

8 and I will set my face against that man and will set him up for a sign and for sayings, and I will cut him off from among my people; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

9 And the prophet when he is deceived and speaks a word, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him and will destroy him from among my people Israel.

10 And they shall bear the *punishment of* their iniquity; the iniquity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of him that seeks *unto him*

11 that the house of Israel may no longer go astray from me, neither be polluted any longer in all their rebellions but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, said the Lord GOD.

12 ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, saying:

13 Son of man, when the land sins against me by rebelling blatantly and I stretch out my hand upon her and break the staff of the bread thereof and send famine upon her and cut off man and beast out of her

14 though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in the midst of her, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, said the Lord GOD.

15 If I cause an evil beast to pass through the land and destroy her so that it be desolate that there be no one to pass through because of the beast

16 *though* these three men *were* in the midst of her, *as* I live, said the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither their sons nor their daughters; they only shall be delivered, and the land shall be destroyed.

17 Or *if* I bring a sword upon the land and say: Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast out of her;

18 though these three men *were* in the midst of her, *as* I live, said the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither their sons nor their daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

19 Or *if* I send a pestilence into that land and pour out my fury upon her in blood to cut off out of her man and beast

20 though Noah, Daniel, and Job, *were* in the midst of her, *as* I live, said the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

21 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: How much more if I send my four sore judgments against Jerusalem: the sword, the famine, the evil beast, the pestilence, to cut off out of her man and beast?

22 Yet, behold, there shall be left a remnant in her, of whom shall be taken captive your sons and daughters; they shall be taken away: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings; and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, *even* concerning all that I have brought upon her.

23 And they shall comfort you when ye see their ways and their doings and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in her, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 15

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying:

2 Son of man, What is the vine tree more than any tree? What is the branch among the trees of the forest?

3 Shall wood be taken from it to do a work? Will *men* take a peg from it to hang any vessel thereon?

4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devours both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for *any* work?

5 Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work; how much less afterward shall it be meet for *any* work when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned?

6 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: As the vine tree among the trees of the forest which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I have given over the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7 And I will set my face against them; they came out of *one* fire, and *another* fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD when I set my face against them.

8 And I will make the land desolate because they have completely rebelled, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 16

1 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, notify Jerusalem of her abominations

3 and say, Thus hath the Lord GOD said concerning Jerusalem: Thy habitation and thy race was of the land of Canaan; thy father *was* an Amorite and thy mother a Hittite.

4 And *as for* thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple *thee*; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

5 No eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have mercy upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field with little value given to thy life, in the day that thou wast born.

6 ¶ I passed by thee and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, and I said unto thee, In thy blood thou shalt live; *yea*, I said unto thee, In thy blood thou shalt live.

7 In ten thousands, as the grass of the field, have I placed thee, and thou wast increased and made great, and thou art come to be adorned with excellent ornaments; *thy* breasts were fashioned, and thy hair is grown; but thou *wast* naked and bare.

8 And I passed by thee and looked upon thee; behold, thy time *was* the time of love; and I spread my mantle over thee and covered thy shame; and I gave thee an oath and entered into a covenant with thee, said the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine;

9 and I washed thee with water and washed away thy blood from upon thee, and I anointed thee with oil.

10 I clothed thee also with brodered work and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I clothed thee with silk.

11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy arms and a chain on thy neck.

12 And I put nose rings upon thy nostrils and earrings in thine ears and a diadem of beauty upon thine head.

13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment *was of* fine linen and silk and broidered work; thou didst eat fine flour of wheat and honey and oil: and thou wast made exceeding beautiful, and thou hast prospered even until thou hast reigned.

14 And thy renown went forth among the Gentiles for thy beauty; for it *was* perfect because of my beauty which *I* placed upon thee, said the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ But thou didst trust in thine own beauty and didst play the harlot because of thy renown and didst pour out thy fornications on every one that passed by; thou wert his.

16 And of thy garments thou didst take and make altars of divers colours and play the harlot thereupon; *the like* shall not come *again*, neither shall it be so.

17 Thou hast taken likewise the vessels of thy beauty of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee and made to thyself images of men and didst commit whoredom with them

18 And thou didst take thy garments of many colours and cover them; and thou hast set my oil and my incense before them.

19 My bread also which I had given thee; the fine flour and the oil and the honey *with which* I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour; and *thus* it was, said the Lord GOD.

20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these thou hast sacrificed unto them to be devoured. *Is this* of thy whoredoms a small matter,

21 that thou hast sacrificed my children and given them over to them that they might cause them to pass through *the fire* unto them?

22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms hast thou not remembered the days of thy youth when thou wast naked and bare? Thou wast polluted in thy blood.

23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness (woe, woe unto thee! said the Lord GOD)

24 *that* thou hast also built unto thee a high place and hast made thee an altar in every street.

25 Thou hast built thy altar at every head of every way and hast made thy beauty abominable and hast opened thy thighs to every one that passed by

and multiplied thy whoredoms.

26 Thou hast also committed fornication with the sons of Egypt, thy neighbours, great of flesh, and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

27 Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee and have diminished thy liberty and delivered thee unto the will of those that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of thy lewd way.

28 Thou hast played the whore also with the sons of Assyria because thou wast insatiable; thou hast played the harlot with them and yet could not be satisfied.

29 Thou hast likewise multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan and of the Chaldeans, and yet thou wast not satisfied with this.

30 How inconsistent is thy heart, said the Lord GOD, having done all these *things*, the work of a powerful harlot:

31 building thine altars at the head of every way and making thine altars in every street! And thou hast not been as a harlot in that thou scornest hire,

32 *but as* a wife that commits adultery, *who* takes strangers instead of her husband!

33 They give gifts to all whores, but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers and givest them offerings that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.

34 And in thee it is to the contrary from *other* women in thy whoredoms; and after thee, there shall never be *whoredom like unto thine* because in giving thy gifts when gifts are not given unto thee, it has been backwards.

35 ¶ Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD:

36 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because thy nakedness has been uncovered, and thy confusion has been manifested to thy lovers in thy whoredoms and to the idols of thy abominations and in the blood of thy children which thou didst give unto them;

37 therefore, behold that I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure and all *those* that thou hast loved, with all *those* that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee and will uncover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.

38 And *I* will judge thee by the laws regarding women who commit adultery and those that shed blood; and I will give thee *away* in blood of fury and of jealousy.

39 And I will deliver thee into their hand, and they shall destroy thy high *place* and shall break down thy altars; they shall strip thee also of thy clothes and shall take the vessels of thy glory and shall leave thee naked and bare.

40 They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones and thrust thee through with their swords.

41 And they shall burn thine houses with fire and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women; and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

42 So will I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet and will no longer be angry.

43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth but hast provoked me to anger in all this; therefore, behold I also have recompensed thy way upon *thine* head, said the Lord GOD; for thou hast not even thought regarding all thine abominations.

44 ¶ Behold, every one that makes proverbs shall make *this* proverb regarding thee, saying: As *is* the mother so *is* her daughter.

45 Thou *art* thy mother's daughter that discarded her husband and her children; and thou *art* the sister of thy sisters who discarded their husbands and their children: your mother *was* a Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

46 And thine elder sister *is* Samaria with her daughters that dwell at thy left hand; and thy younger sister that dwells at thy right hand *is* Sodom with her daughters.

47 Yet thou hast not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations; but, as *if that were* a very little *thing*, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

48 As I live, said the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister has never done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom: pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the afflicted and needy.

50 And they filled themselves with arrogance and committed abomination before me, and when I saw it, I took them away.

51 Neither has Samaria committed half of thy sins, but thou hast multiplied thy abominations more than they and hast justified thy sisters with all thy abominations which thou hast done.

52 Thou also, who hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they; they are more righteous than thou; be thou confounded also and bear thy shame in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

53 When I shall turn their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then *I will release* the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them:

54 that thou may bear thine own shame and may be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them.

55 When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters shall return to their first state, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their first state, thou and thy daughters shall return to your first state.

56 Sodom, thy sister was not mentioned by thy mouth in the time of thy pride,

57 before thy wickedness discovered itself, as at the time of the reproach of the daughters of Syria and of all the daughters of the Philistines round about, who despise thee in everything.

58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, said the LORD.

59 For thus hath the Lord GOD said: Will I deal with thee even as thou hast done, despising the oath to invalidate the covenant?

60 ¶ Nevertheless I will remember my covenant that I made with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will confirm unto thee an everlasting covenant.

61 Then thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant.

62 And I will confirm my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD:

63 that thou may remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that

thou hast done, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 17

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, propose a figure and compose an enigma unto the house of Israel

3 and say: Thus hath the Lord GOD said, A great eagle with great wings and long members, full of feathers of diverse colours, came unto Lebanon and took the highest branch of the cedar:

4 he cropped off the principal shoot and carried it into a land of markets; he set it in the city of the merchants.

5 He also took of the seed of the land and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed *it* by great waters *and* set it *as* a willow tree.

6 And it grew and became a vine of many branches, low of stature, whose branches looked at him, and its roots were under him: so it became a vine and brought forth branches and shot forth sprigs.

7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers; and, behold, this vine joined her roots toward him and extended her branches toward him that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.

8 It was planted in a good soil by many waters that it might bring forth branches and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

9 Say thou: Thus hath the Lord GOD said, Shall it be prospered? Shall he not pull *it* up its roots and destroy its fruit and let it wither? All of the leaves of her spring shall wither, even without great power or many people plucking it up by its roots.

10 Yea, behold, *being* planted, shall it be prospered? Shall it not utterly wither when the east wind touches it? It shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

11 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

12 Say now to the rebellious house: Do ye not know what these *things* mean? Tell *them*, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem and has taken its king and its princes and led them with him to Babylon;

13 and has taken of the seed of the kingdom and made a covenant with him and has brought him to an oath: he has also taken the mighty of the land:

14 that the kingdom might be cast down, that it might not lift itself up, *but* that it might keep his covenant and stay in her.

15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors unto Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he be prospered, shall he that does such *things* escape? And shall he who broke the covenant be able to flee?

16 As I live, said the Lord GOD, surely in the place *where* the king *dwells* that made him king, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke, *even* with him in the midst of Babylon, he shall die.

17 And not with a mighty army, nor with a great company shall Pharaoh do anything for him in the battle when they cast up mounts, and build forts to cut off many lives:

18 seeing he despised the oath to invalidate the covenant when, behold, he had given his hand and has done all these *things*, he shall not escape.

19 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: As I live, surely my oath that he has despised and my covenant that he has broken, even it will I turn upon his own head.

20 And I will spread my net upon him and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon and will enter into judgment with him there for his trespass with which he has rebelled against me.

21 And all his fugitives with all his armies shall fall by the sword, and those that remain shall be scattered toward all winds; and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it*.

22 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD said: I will also take of the highest branch of that high cedar and will set *it up*; I will crop off from the principal branch a shoot and will plant it upon the high and sublime mountain:

23 in the high mountain of Israel I will plant it, and it shall bring forth boughs and bear fruit and become a magnificent cedar; and under it shall dwell every fowl; everything that flies shall dwell in the shadow of its branches.

24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish; I the LORD have spoken and have done *it*.

Ezekiel 18

- 1 ¶ The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,
2 What mean ye, that ye use this saying concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge?
3 As I live, said the Lord GOD, ye shall never again have *reason* to use this saying in Israel.
4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sins, it shall die.
5 But if a man is just and does judgment and righteousness,
6 that he does not eat upon the mountains, neither lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither defile his neighbour's wife, neither come near to the menstruous woman,
7 neither oppress any, *but* restores to the debtor his pledge, does not commit robbery, gives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with a garment,
8 neither lends at interest, neither takes any increase, withdraws his hand from iniquity, executes true judgment between man and man,
9 walks in my statutes, and keeps my rights, to do according to the truth: he *is* just; he shall surely live, said the Lord GOD.
10 ¶ If he begets a son *that is* a robber, a shedder of blood, and *that* does the like of *any* one of these *things*,
11 and that does not do any of those *duties*, but, on the other hand, he does eat upon the mountains, or defiles his neighbour's wife,
12 oppresses the poor and needy, commits robbery, does not restore the pledge, or lifts up his eyes to the idols, or makes an abomination,
13 gives forth upon usury and takes increase, shall he then live? He shall not live; he has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.
14 But if he begets a son that sees all his father's sins which he has done and seeing them, does not do according to them,
15 *that* he does not eat upon the mountains, neither lifts up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor defiles his neighbour's wife,

16 neither oppresses any, nor withholds the pledge, neither commits robbery, *but* gives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with a garment,

17 takes off his hand from *oppressing* the poor, does not receive usury nor increase, acts *according to* my rights, and walks in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father; he shall surely live.

18 *As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did *that* which is not good among his people, behold, even he shall die for his iniquity.

19 Yet if ye say, Why does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? Because the son has lived according to judgment and righteousness *and* has kept all my statutes and has done them, he shall surely live.

20 The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him *who is righteous*, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him *who is wicked*.

21 ¶ But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed and keep all my statutes and live according to judgment and righteousness, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

22 All his rebellions that he has committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him; by his righteousness that he has done he shall live.

23 Do I desire perchance the death of the wicked? said the Lord GOD, Shall he not live if he should leave his ways?

24 But if the righteous should leave his righteousness and commit iniquity, *and* do according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* does, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be mentioned; by his rebellion in which he has trespassed and by his sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.

25 And if ye say, The way of the Lord is not straight. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not straight? Are not your ways crooked?

26 When a righteous *man* leaves his righteousness, and commits iniquity, he shall die in it; for his iniquity that he has done he shall die.

27 Again, when the wicked *man* leaves his wickedness that he has committed and lives according to judgment and righteousness, he shall cause his soul to live.

28 Because he saw and left all his rebellions that he has committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

29 If even *now* the house of Israel should say, The way of the Lord is not straight. O house of Israel, are not my ways straight? Certainly your ways are not straight.

30 ¶ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each one according to his ways, said the Lord GOD. Repent and turn *yourselves* from all your iniquities, so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 Cast away from you all your iniquities by which ye have rebelled, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

32 For I do not desire the death of him that dies, said the Lord GOD; therefore turn *yourselves*, and ye shall live.

Ezekiel 19

- 1 ¶ And take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,
2 and thou shalt say, How hast thy mother, the lioness, lain down among the lions? She raised her whelps among the young lions.
3 And she brought up one of her whelps; it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey and to devour men.
4 The Gentiles also heard of him; he was taken in their trap, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt.
5 Now when *she* saw that she had waited a long time *and* her hope was being lost, then she took another of her whelps *and* made him a young lion.
6 And he went up and down among the lions; he became a young lion and learned to catch the prey *and* devoured men.
7 And he knew their widows, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fullness thereof, by the voice of his roaring.
8 Then the Gentiles set against him on every side from the provinces and spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.
9 And they put him in prison in chains and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into fortresses that his voice should no longer be heard upon the mountains of Israel.
10 ¶ Thy mother *was* like a vine in thy blood, planted by the waters, bearing fruit and spreading forth branches by reason of the many waters.
11 And she had strong rods for the sceptres of those that bore rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height and with the multitude of her branches.
12 But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit; *her branches* were broken, and she withered; fire consumed the rod of her strength.
13 And now she *is* planted in the wilderness in a dry and thirsty ground.
14 And fire is gone out of the rod from her branches, *which* has devoured her fruit, so that no strong rod *to be* a sceptre to rule has remained in her. This *is* a lamentation and shall be for a lamentation.

Ezekiel 20

1 ¶ And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth *day* of the month, *that* certain of the elders of Israel came to enquire of the LORD and sat before me.

2 Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel and say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Are ye come to enquire of me? As I live, said the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.

4 Dost thou desire to judge them? Dost thou desire to judge them, son of man? Notify them of the abominations of their fathers:

5 ¶ And say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said; In the day when I chose Israel and lifted up my hand for the seed of the house of Jacob and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt when I lifted up my hand unto them, saying, I *am* the LORD your God;

6 in the day *that* I lifted up my hand unto *them with an oath* that I would bring them forth from the land of Egypt into a land that I had prepared for them, flowing with milk and honey, which *is* the most beautiful of all lands,

7 then said I unto them, Cast away each one of you *all* worship of god fabricated by carnal appearance and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

8 But they rebelled against me and did not desire to hearken unto me; each one did not cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt; then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

9 With all this, I intervened for my name's sake that it should not be polluted before the Gentiles, among whom they *were*, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

10 ¶ Therefore I took them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness;

11 and I gave them my statutes and declared unto them my rights, *by* which the man that does them shall live by them.

12 And I also gave them my sabbaths to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that sanctifies them.

13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they did not walk in my statutes, and they despised my rights, *by* which the man that does them shall live by them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted; therefore I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness to consume them.

14 But I intervened for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the Gentiles, in whose sight I brought them out.

15 Yet I also lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, *with an oath* that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, which *is* the most beautiful of all lands,

16 because they despised my rights and did not walk in my statutes but polluted my Sabbaths, for their heart went after their idols.

17 With all this, my eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 But I said unto their sons in the wilderness: Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, neither keep their laws, nor defile yourselves with their idols:

19 I *am* the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my rights, and do them;

20 and hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* the LORD your God.

21 Notwithstanding, the sons rebelled against me: they did not walk in my statutes, nor keep my rights to do them, *by* which the man that does them shall live by them; they polluted my Sabbaths; then I said: I would pour out my fury upon them to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

22 Nevertheless, I withdrew my hand and intervened for my name's sake that it should not be polluted in the sight of the Gentiles in whose sight I brought them forth.

23 I lifted up my hand unto them also in the wilderness *with an oath* that I would scatter them among the Gentiles and disperse them through the countries

24 because they had not executed my rights and had despised my statutes and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

25 For this reason I also gave them statutes *that were* not good and rights by which they could not live,

26 and I polluted them in their offerings when they caused to pass through *the fire* all that opens the womb that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I *am* the LORD.

27 ¶ Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel and say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Even in this your fathers have blasphemed me when they committed rebellion against me.

28 *For* when I had brought them into the land, *for* which I lifted up my hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offerings; there *also* they made their sweet savour and poured out there their drink offerings.

29 Then I said unto them, What *is* the high place unto which ye go? And its name is called Bamah unto this day.

30 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Perchance are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and do ye commit whoredom after their abominations?

31 For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day; and shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, said the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.

32 And that which ye think shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the Gentiles, as the families of the nations to serve wood and stone.

33 ¶ As I live, said the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand and with a stretched out arm and with fury poured out, I must rule over you:

34 and I will bring you out from among the peoples and will gather you out of the countries in which ye are scattered with a mighty hand and with a stretched out arm and with fury poured out.

35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of peoples, and there I will litigate with you face to face.

36 Like as I litigated with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will litigate with you, said the Lord GOD.

37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

38 and I will purge out from among you the rebels and those that rebelled against me; I will take them out of the country where they have gone, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus hath the Lord GOD said: Go, serve ye each one his idols, and hereafter *also*, if ye will not hearken unto me, but do not pollute my holy name any longer with your gifts and with your idols.

40 For in the mountain of my holiness, in the high mountain of Israel, said the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel serve me, all of them in the land; there will I be pleased with them, and there will I require your offerings and the firstfruits of your gifts with all your sacred things.

41 I will accept you with your sweet savour when I have brought you out from among the peoples and gathered you out of the countries in which ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you in the eyes of the Gentiles.

42 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the land *for* which I lifted up my hand to give it to your fathers.

43 And there ye shall remember your ways and all your doings, in which ye have been defiled; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.

44 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD when I have intervened with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, said the Lord GOD.

45 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

46 Son of man, set thy face toward the south and drop *thy word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;

47 and thou shalt say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD. Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I kindle a fire in thee, which shall devour every green tree in thee and every dry tree; the flame of the fire shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein.

48 And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it; it shall not be quenched.

49 Then I said, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Does he not speak parables?

Ezekiel 21

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying:

2 Son of man, set thy face against Jerusalem, and drop *my word* upon the sanctuaries, and prophesy over the land of Israel,

3 and thou shalt say to the land of Israel, Thus hath the LORD said: Behold, I *am* against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked.

4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:

5 that all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more.

6 Cry out therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of *thy* loins; and with bitterness cry out before their eyes.

7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Why criest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings that come; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint; and all knees shall be weak *as* water: behold, it comes and shall be brought to pass, said the Lord GOD.

8 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus hath the LORD said: Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished:

10 it is sharpened to slay victims; it is furbished that it may glitter; should we then make mirth? it despises the rod of my son, *as* every tree.

11 And he has given it to be furbished, that it may be handled; this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

12 Cry and howl, son of man, for it shall be upon my people; it *shall be* upon all the princes of Israel; fear of the sword shall be upon my people; therefore smite the thigh

13 because *it shall be* a trial. What shall be if it does not despise the rod? said the Lord GOD.

14 Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy and smite *thine* hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain; this is the

sword of great slaughter that shall pierce them.

15 I have set the fear of the sword in all their gates, that *their* heart may faint and *their* ruins be multiplied; ah! *it is* made so that it might shine; *it is* prepared for the slaughter.

16 Go one way or other, *either* on the right hand *or* on the left, wherever thy face *is* set.

17 I will also smite my hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest; I the LORD have spoken.

18 ¶ The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

19 Also, thou son of man, show two ways from where the sword of the king of Babylon comes: both shall come forth out of the same land and draw an army; at the head of the way to the city thou shalt do this.

20 Show the way that the sword will come to Rabbath of the Ammonites and to Judah against Jerusalem, the defenced.

21 For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way at the head of the two ways to use divination; he made *his* arrows bright; he consulted with images; he looked in the liver.

22 The divination was to his right hand upon Jerusalem, to appoint captains, to open the mouth for the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint *battering* rams against the gates, to cast a mount, *and* to build a fort.

23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, to those that have sworn oaths; but he will call to remembrance the iniquity that they may be taken.

24 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, manifesting your betrayals and uncovering your sins in all your doings; for which ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand.

25 And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come in the time when the iniquity shall be brought to an end,

26 thus hath the Lord GOD said: Remove the diadem and take off the crown; it shall no longer be like this; I will exalt the one that is low and abase the one that is high.

27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it, and it shall be no *more* until he comes whose right it is; and I will give it *unto him*.

28 ¶ And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the Ammonites and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword *is* drawn for the slaughter; *it is* furbished to consume with brightness:

29 They prophesy vanity unto thee; they divine a lie unto thee, to give thee over among the necks of the wicked who are sentenced to death, whose day is come in the time when the iniquity shall be brought to an end.

30 Shall I cause *it* to return into its sheath? I must judge thee in the place where thou wast raised, in the land of where thou hast lived.

31 And I will pour out my indignation upon thee; I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath and deliver thee into the hand of fearful men *who are* skilful to destroy.

32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt no *longer* be remembered: for I the LORD have spoken.

Ezekiel 22

1 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Now, thou son of man, wilt thou not judge, wilt thou not judge the city that spills innocent blood and cause her to know all her abominations?

3 Then thou shalt say, Thus hath the Lord GOD said, City that sheds blood in the midst of thyself, that thy time may come, and that has made idols against thyself to defile thyself!

4 In thy blood that thou hast shed thou hast sinned and hast defiled thyself with thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near and art come *even* unto thy years; therefore I have given thee in reproach unto the Gentiles, and in shame unto all the countries.

5 *Those that are* near and *those that are* far from thee shall mock thee, *who art* infamous *and* much vexed.

6 Behold, the princes of Israel, each one according to their power, were in thee to shed blood.

7 In thee they have despised father and mother; in the midst of thee they have dealt by oppression with the stranger; in thee they have vexed the fatherless and the widow.

8 Thou hast despised my holy things and hast profaned my sabbaths.

9 In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood; and in thee they eat upon the mountains; in the midst of thee they commit lewdness.

10 In thee they have discovered their fathers' nakedness; in thee they have forced the unclean menstruous *woman*.

11 And one has committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in thee has forced his sister, his father's daughter.

12 In thee they have taken bribes to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion and hast forgotten me, said the Lord GOD.

13 Behold, therefore I have smitten my hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made and at thy blood which has been in the midst of thee.

14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken *it* and will do *it*.

15 And I will scatter thee among the Gentiles and disperse thee in the countries and will consume thy filthiness out of thee.

16 And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the Gentiles, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

17 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross; they *are* all brass and tin and iron and lead in the midst of the furnace; they are become the dross of silver.

19 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 As they gather silver and brass and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace to blow the fire upon it to melt *it*, so will I gather *you* in my anger and in my fury, and I will cause *you* to rest, and melt you.

21 I will gather you and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

23 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou *art* not clean land, nor *art thou* sprinkled with rain in the day of indignation.

25 *There is* a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken treasures and honour; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

26 Her priests have violated my law *by force* and have profaned my holy things; they have made no difference between *the* holy and *the* profane, neither have they showed *the difference* between the unclean and the clean and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 Her princes in the midst thereof *are* like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, *and* to destroy souls, to follow their own greed.

28 And her prophets have plastered them *over* with loose mud, prophesying vanity and divining lies unto them, saying: Thus hath the Lord GOD said,

when the LORD has not spoken.

29 The people of the land have used oppression and exercised robbery and have done violence unto the poor and needy; they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

30 And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it, but I found no one.

31 Therefore have I poured out my indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath; I have recompensed their own way upon their heads, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 23

- 1 ¶ The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother:
3 And they committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth; there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.
4 And the names of them *were* Aholah the elder and Aholibah her sister; they were mine, and they bore sons and daughters. Thus *were* their names: Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.
5 And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she fell in love with her lovers, the Assyrians *her* neighbours,
6 *which were* clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.
7 Thus she committed her whoredoms with them, with all those *that were* the chosen men of Assyria, and with all whom she fell in love; with all their idols she defiled herself.
8 Neither did she leave her whoredoms of Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity and poured their whoredom upon her.
9 Therefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, of whom she fell in love.
10 These uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters and slew her with the sword: and she became famous among women, for they had executed judgments upon her.
11 ¶ And when her sister Aholibah saw *this*, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms more than her sister in *her* whoredoms.
12 She fell in love with the Assyrians *her* neighbours, captains and rulers clothed to perfection, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.
13 Then I saw that she was defiled, *that* they both *took* the same way

14 and *that* she increased her whoredoms, for when she saw men painted upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans painted in colour,

15 girded with girdles upon their loins, and mitres painted upon their heads, all of them looking like princes, after the manner of the men of Babylon, born in the land of the Chaldeans,

16 she fell in love with them as soon as she saw them with her eyes and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.

17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom and she was polluted with them, and her soul was disjointed from them.

18 So she uncovered her whoredoms, and uncovered her nakedness; then my soul was alienated from her, like as my soul was alienated from her sister.

19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, in which she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh *is as* the flesh of asses and whose issue *is like* the issue of horses.

21 Thus thou didst call to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the breasts of thy youth.

22 ¶ Therefore, O Aholibah, thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy desire is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side:

23 the Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, rulers, and princes, and captains, *and* all the Assyrians with them: all of them desirable young men; all of them captains and rulers, great lords and renowned; all of them riding upon horses.

24 And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with a multitude of peoples, *which* shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about, and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their laws.

25 And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal with thee in furor; they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and what is left shall fall by the sword; they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy remnant shall be devoured by the fire.

26 They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes and take away the vessels of thy glory.

27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee and thy whoredom of the land of Egypt, so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

28 For thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I deliver thee into the hand *of those* whom thou hatest, into the hand *of those* from whom thy soul is alienated:

29 And they shall deal with thee hatefully and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be uncovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

30 I will do these *things* unto thee because thou hast gone a whoring after the Gentiles *and* because thou art polluted with their idols.

31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore I will put her cup into thine hand.

32 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large; the Gentiles shall laugh thee to scorn and hold thee in derision; it contains much.

33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and with pain *because* of the cup of astonishment and desolation, *because* of the cup of thy sister Samaria.

34 Thou shalt even drink it and finish it, and thou shalt break its shards and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken *it*, said the Lord GOD.

35 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because thou hast forgotten me and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

36 ¶ And The LORD said unto me: Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah and declare unto them their abominations?

37 For they have committed adultery, and blood *is* on their hands, and with their idols they have committed adultery and have even caused their sons, whom they bore unto me, to pass for them through *the fire*, to devour *them*.

38 Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day and have profaned my sabbaths.

39 For when they had slain their sons unto their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, behold, thus have they done

in the midst of my house.

40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, behold, they came for the love of whom thou didst wash thyself, paint thy eyes, and deck thyself with ornaments,

41 and sit upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, upon which thou hast set my incense and my oil.

42 And in her was heard a voice of a multitude at a feast; and with the men *of renown* were brought the Sabeans from the wilderness to multiply the men, and they put bracelets upon their hands and crowns of glory upon their heads.

43 Then said I unto *her that was* old in adulteries, Now shalt thy whoredoms come to an end, and she *with them*;

44 for they have come to her, as those who come to a woman that plays the harlot, so they went in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women.

45 Therefore righteous men shall judge them by the law of adulteresses and after the law of women that shed blood because they *are* adulteresses, and blood *is* on their hands.

46 For thus hath the Lord GOD said: I will bring up a company upon them and will give them to be removed and spoiled.

47 And the company shall stone them with stones and dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters and burn up their houses with fire.

48 Thus will I cause the lust to cease out of the land that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

49 And they shall recompense your lust upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 24

1 ¶ Again in the ninth year, in the tenth *month*, in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, write the name of the day, *even* of this same day: the king of Babylon laid siege against Jerusalem this same day.

3 And speak unto the house of rebellion by parable and say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said; Set on a pot, set *it* on, and also pour water into it:

4 gather her pieces *of meat* into it, *even* every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill *it* with the choice bones.

5 Take the choice of the flock and burn also the bones under it *and* make it boil well and let them seethe the bones of it therein.

6 For thus hath the Lord GOD said: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum *is* therein and whose scum is not gone out of it! For her pieces, because of her pieces let it be removed; let no lot fall upon it.

7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she did not poured it upon the ground, to cover it with dust;

8 that wrath might rise up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the high place of the rock that it should not be covered.

9 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Woe to the bloody city! I will also make a great fire,

10 multiplying the wood, kindling the fire, to consume the flesh and to make the broth, and the bones shall be burned;

11 setting afterward the empty pot upon the coals thereof that it may become *red* hot and may burn and *that* the filthiness of it may be molten in it, *that* the scum of it may be consumed.

12 In fraud she has become weary, and her great scum did not go forth out of her; her scum *shall be* in the fire.

13 In thy perverse filthiness *thou shalt die* because I have cleansed thee, and thou didst not cleanse thyself from thy uncleanness; thou shalt never cleanse thyself again, until I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.

14 I, the LORD, have spoken: I came and worked. I will not turn back, neither will I have mercy, neither will I repent; according to thy ways and

according to thy doings, they shall judge thee, said the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes by death; yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.

17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind thy turban upon thy head, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet and do not cover *thy* lips and do not eat the bread of comfort.

18 So I spoke unto the people in the morning; and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19 And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these *things are* to us, that thou doest so?

20 Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the glory of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and the gift of your soul; your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.

22 And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover *your* lips nor eat the bread of men.

23 And your turbans *shall be* upon your heads and your shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away for your iniquities and cry out one with another.

24 Thus Ezekiel shall be unto you for a sign: according to all that he has done ye shall do: and when this comes, ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

25 Also, thou son of man, in the day when *I* take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and the care of their souls, their sons and their daughters,

26 that day *one that* escapes shall come unto thee, to bring the news.

27 In that day thy mouth shall be opened *to speak* unto him who is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and no longer be dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Ezekiel 25

1 ¶ The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against the sons of Ammon and prophesy against them

3 and say unto the sons of Ammon, Hear the word of the Lord GOD, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because thou didst say, Aha, *it is well!* upon my sanctuary, which was profaned; and upon the land of Israel, which it was made desolate; and upon the house of Judah, because they went into captivity;

4 behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the men of the east for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in thee and pitch their tents in thee; they shall eat thy plantings, and they shall drink thy milk.

5 And I will make Rabbah a habitation for camels and the sons of Ammon a resting place for sheep: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

6 For thus hath the Lord GOD said; Because thou hast clapped *thine* hands and stamped with the feet and rejoiced in thy soul with all thy despite upon the land of Israel,

7 behold, therefore I will stretch out my hand upon thee and will deliver thee unto the Gentiles as a spoil, and I will cut thee off from among the peoples, and I will destroy thee from among the countries; I will pluck thee out; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

8 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because Moab and Seir said, Behold, the house of the LORD *is* like unto all the Gentiles *submitted to Babylon*,

9 therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities *which are* on his frontiers, the desirable lands of Bethjeshimoth and Baalmeon and Kiriathaim,

10 unto the sons of the east against the sons of Ammon and will give them in possession that the sons of Ammon may not be remembered any more among the Gentiles.

11 I will also execute judgments in Moab; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

12 Thus hath the Lord GOD spoken; Because of what Edom did when he took vengeance against the house of Judah, (for they are condemned as guilty) and revenged themselves upon them;

13 therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: I will also stretch out my hand upon Edom and will cut off man and beast from her; and I will make her desolate from Teman; and *those of* Dedan shall fall by the sword.

14 And I will place my vengeance in Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to my anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, said the Lord GOD.

15 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because the Palestinians have dealt by revenge and have taken vengeance with a spiteful heart to destroying because of perpetual enmity,

16 therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said; Behold, I stretch out my hand upon the Palestinians, and I will cut off the Cherethims and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.

17 And I will execute great vengeance in them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD when I shall give my vengeance in them.

Ezekiel 26

1 ¶ And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, because Tyre has said concerning Jerusalem, Aha, *it is well that* she is broken who is the gate of the peoples; she is turned unto me; I shall be filled; and she *shall be* deserted:

3 therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against thee as the sea causes its waves to come up.

4 And they shall demolish the walls of Tyre and destroy her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her and make her like the top of a rock.

5 It shall be *a place for* the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken, said the Lord GOD, and it shall be spoiled by the Gentiles.

6 And her daughters who *are* in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 For thus hath the Lord GOD said; Behold, I bring upon Tyre Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon, *a* king of kings, from the north, with horses and with chariots and with horsemen and companies and many people.

8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters who *are* in the field; and he shall make a fort against thee and cast a mount against thee and lift up the buckler against thee.

9 And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his hammers he shall break down thy towers.

10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee; thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen and of the wheels, and of the chariots when he shall enter into thy gates as men enter through breaches into a destroyed city.

11 With the hoofs of his horses he shall tread down all thy streets; he shall slay thy people by the sword, and the statues of thy strength shall fall to the ground.

12 And they shall steal thy riches and make a spoil of thy merchandise; and they shall ruin thy walls and destroy thy precious houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the waters.

13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall no longer be heard.

14 And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be *a place* to spread nets upon; thou shalt never be built again; for I the LORD have spoken, said the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD said to Tyre: Certainly the isles shall shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded shall cry, when the slaughter shall be made in the midst of thee.

16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones and lay away their robes and put off their brodered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground and shall tremble at *every* moment and be astonished at thee.

17 And they shall take up a lamentation for thee and say to thee, How didst thou perish, *that wast* inhabited in the seas? The renowned city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, who caused their terror *to be* on all those that dwell therein.

18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that *are* in the sea shall be terrorized at thy end.

19 For thus hath the Lord GOD said: I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; I shall cause the abyss to come up over thee and the many waters shall cover thee.

20 And I shall bring thee down with those that descend into the grave, with the people of the age, and shall set thee in the lowest part of the earth, as the deserts of old, with those that go down to the grave, that thou not be inhabited again; and I shall set glory in the land of the living;

21 I will turn thee into nothing, and thou *shalt be* no *more*; though thou be sought for, yet thou shalt never be found again, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 27

- 1 ¶ The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
2 Now, thou son of man, raise up lamentations upon Tyre.
3 And say unto Tyre, O thou that dwelleth at the ports of the sea, *who art* a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus hath the Lord GOD said; O Tyre, thou hast said, I *am* of perfect beauty.
4 In the heart of the seas are thy border; thy builders have completed thy beauty.
5 They have made all thy *ship* boards of fir trees of Senir; they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.
6 Of the oaks of Bashan they have made thine oars; the company of the Ashurites have made thy benches of ivory, *brought* out of the isles of Chittim.
7 Of fine linen with brodered work from Egypt was thy curtain, that it might serve to be thy sail; {Heb. banner} of blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was thy pavilion.
8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy rowers; thy wise *men*, O Tyre, were in thee; they were thy pilots.
9 The elders of Gebal and the wise *men* thereof were in thee to repair thy breaches: all the galleys of the sea with their rowers were in thee to negotiate thy business dealings.
10 Those of Persia and of Lud and of Africa were in thine army, thy men of war: they hung the shield and helmet in thee; they extolled thy beauty.
11 The sons of Arvad with thine army *were* upon thy walls round about, and the Gammadims were in thy towers: they hung their shields upon thy walls round about; they completed thy beauty.
12 Tarshish *was* thy market by reason of the multitude of all *thy* riches in silver, iron, tin, and lead; they traded in thy fairs.
13 Greece, Tubal, and Meshech, thy merchants, with the soul of men and with vessels of brass; they traded in thy fairs.
14 Those of the house of Togarmah traded in thy fairs with horses and horsemen and mules.

15 The sons of Dedan *were* thy merchants; many isles *took* merchandise from thy hand: they brought thee *for* a present horns of ivory and peacocks.

16 Syria *was* thy merchant by reason of the multitude of the wares of thy making: they traded in thy fairs with rubies and purple and broidered work and fine linen and coral and pearls.

17 Judah, and the land of Israel; they *were* thy merchants: they traded in thy market with wheat, Minnith and Pannag and honey and oil and balm.

18 Damascus *was* thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the abundance of all riches, with wine of Helbon and white wool.

19 Dan also and Greece and Mozel traded in thy fairs bright iron, cassia, and calamus.

20 Dedan *was* thy merchant in precious cloth for chariots.

21 Arabia and all the princes of Kedar, merchants of thy strength in lambs and rams and he goats: in these *they were* thy merchants.

22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah; they *were* thy merchants: they traded in thy fairs with the chief of all spices and with all precious stones and gold.

23 Haran and Canneh and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, *and* Chilmad *were* in thy market.

24 These, thy merchants, negotiated with thee in all sorts *of things*: in blue robes and broidered work and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords and made of cedar, among thy merchandise.

25 The ships of Tarshish, thy squadrons, went forth on thy behalf: and thou wast full, and wast multiplied greatly in the midst of the seas.

26 ¶ In many waters they overcame thy rowers; the east wind has broken thee in the midst of the seas.

27 Thy riches, and thy markets, thy business, thy rowers, and thy pilots, those that repair thy breaches, and the agents of thy business, and all thy men of war, that *are* in thee, with all thy company which *is* in the midst of thee, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of thy ruin.

28 The suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.

29 And all that handle the oar, the rowers, *and* all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships; they shall stand upon the land

30 and shall cause their voice to be heard upon thee and shall cry bitterly and shall cast up dust upon their heads; they shall wallow themselves in the ashes.

31 And they shall pull out their hair for thee and gird themselves with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of soul *and* bitter wailings.

32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee and lament over thee, *saying*, Who *is* like Tyre, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea?

33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou didst fill many peoples; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy contracts.

34 In the time *when* thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters thy commerce and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall.

35 All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid; they shall be troubled in *their* countenance.

36 The merchants among the peoples shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be a terror and never *shalt be* any more.

Ezekiel 28

1 ¶ The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyre, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because thy heart has lifted *thee* up and thou hast said, I *am* God, I sit *in* the seat of God, in the midst of the seas (yet thou *art* man, and not God); and thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God:

3 behold, thou *art* wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

4 with thy wisdom and with thine intelligence thou hast gotten thee riches and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

5 by the greatness of thy wisdom in thy trafficking thou hast multiplied thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

6 therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God,

7 behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the strong ones of the Gentiles, and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.

8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die of the death of *those that are* slain in the midst of the seas.

9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slays thee, I *am* God? but thou *shalt be* a man, and not God, in the hand of him that slays thee.

10 Thou shalt die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken, said the Lord GOD.

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

12 Son of man, raise up lamentations upon the king of Tyre and say unto him, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Thou dost seal up the sum *of perfection*, full of wisdom, and completed in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering: the sardius, topaz, diamond, turquoise, onyx, and beryl, the sapphire, carbuncle, and emerald, and gold; the works of thy tambourines and of thy pipes were prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou, great cherub, *wast* covered, and I placed thee; thou wast in the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked among stones of fire.

15 Thou *wast* perfect in all thy ways from the day that thou wast created, until iniquity was found in thee.

16 Because of the multitude of thy trafficking thou wast filled with violence, and thou hast sinned; and *I* cast thee out of the mountain of God, and I cast thee unto evil from among the stones of fire, O cherub *that wast* covered.

17 Thine heart lifted thee up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness; I will cast thee to the earth; I will expose thee before the kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuary by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy trafficking; therefore I brought forth fire from the midst of thee, which has consumed thee, and I brought thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those that behold thee.

19 All those that knew thee from among the peoples shall marvel over thee; thou hast been *greatly* disturbed, and thou shalt not exist again forever.

20 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, set thy face against Zidon and prophesy against her

22 and say, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I *am* against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her and shall be sanctified in her.

23 For I will send into her pestilence and blood into her streets; and the dead shall fall in the midst of her, by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

24 And there shall no longer be a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor *any* thorn that causes him pain, round about *them* of those that despise them; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

25 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered and shall be sanctified in them in the eyes of the Gentiles, then they shall dwell in their land that I have given to my slave Jacob.

26 And they shall dwell safely therein and shall build houses and plant vineyards; and they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed

judgments in all those that spoil them round about them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.

Ezekiel 29

1 ¶ In the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in the twelfth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying:

2 Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt.

3 Speak and say, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I *am* against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lies in the midst of his rivers, who has said, My river *is* my own, and I have made *it* for myself.

4 But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall come out stuck onto thy scales.

5 And I will leave thee *thrown* into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers; thou shalt fall upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered; I have given thee for food to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven.

6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I *am* the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.

7 When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou didst brake and make all their loins to come to nothing.

8 ¶ Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I bring a sword upon thee and will cut off man and beast out of thee.

9 And the land of Egypt shall be made desolate and waste; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD: because he hath said, The river *is* mine, and I have made *it*.

10 Behold, therefore I *am* against thee and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste *and* desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia.

11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years.

12 And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities among the cities *that are* laid waste shall be

desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and will disperse them through the countries.

13 Yet thus hath the Lord GOD said: At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples where they were scattered.

14 And I will turn to bring *again* the captives of Egypt and will cause them to return *into* the land of Pathros into the land of their habitation, and there they shall be a minor kingdom.

15 In comparison with the other kingdoms it shall be humble; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them that they shall no longer rule among the Gentiles.

16 And it shall no longer be the confidence of the house of Israel, which brings *their* iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them, but they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

17 ¶ And it came to pass in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre; every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* peeled: and yet neither he nor his army had wages of Tyre, for the service that he had served against her.

19 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said; Behold, I give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude and gather her spoil and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

20 I have given him the land of Egypt *for* his labour with which he served against her because they wrought for me, said the Lord GOD.

21 In that time I will cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Ezekiel 30

- 1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Howl ye, Woe of the day!
- 3 For the day *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the Gentiles.
- 4 And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and *great* fear shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be destroyed.
- 5 Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.
- 6 Thus hath the LORD said: Those also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down; from the tower of Syene they shall fall in it by the sword, said the Lord GOD.
- 7 And they shall be made desolate among the countries *that are* destroyed, and her cities shall be among the cities *that are* wasted.
- 8 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt and *when* all her helpers shall be broken.
- 9 In that time messengers shall go forth from me in ships to make the confident Ethiopians afraid, and great fear shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, behold, it comes.
- 10 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: I will make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.
- 11 He and his people with him, the strongest of the Gentiles, shall be brought to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt and fill the land with the slain.
- 12 And I will make the rivers dry and deliver the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will destroy the land and all that is therein by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken.
- 13 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: I will also destroy the images, and I will cause the idols of Menfis to cease; and there shall no longer be a prince of the land of Egypt: and I will put fear in the land of Egypt.

14 And I will make Pathros desolate and will set fire in Tafnes and will execute judgments in No. {Alexandria}

15 And I will pour my fury upon Pelusio, {the people of the marsh} the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.

16 And I will set fire to Egypt; Pelusio shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Menfis *shall have* distresses daily.

17 The young men of Heliopolis {city of the sun} and of Pubasti {the goddess Basht (cat)} shall fall by the sword; and these *cities* shall go into captivity.

18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt; and the pride of her strength shall cease in her; *as for her*, a cloud shall cover her, and the inhabitants of her villages shall go into captivity.

19 Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

20 ¶ And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month*, in the seventh *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, behold, it has not been bound up with medicine, to bind it that it might be made whole, to make it strong to hold the sword.

22 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the Gentiles and will disperse them through the countries.

24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put my sword in his hand, but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a *man* wounded unto death.

25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I place my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the Gentiles and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Ezekiel 31

1 ¶ And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third *month*, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his people. Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

3 Behold, the Assyrian *was a* cedar in Lebanon with fair branches and with a shadowing shroud and of a high stature; and his top was *highest* among the thick boughs.

4 The waters made him grow; the deep set him up on high; her rivers ran round his feet and sent her flow to all the trees of the field.

5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of his many waters, which he sent forth.

6 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches all the beasts of the field brought forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt many Gentiles.

7 He made himself beautiful in his greatness, with the extension of his branches: for his root was by many waters.

8 The cedars in the garden of God did not cover him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

9 I have made him beautiful with the multitude of his branches: and all the trees of Eden, that *were* in the garden of God, envied him.

10 ¶ Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he has shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the strong one of the Gentiles; he shall surely deal with him; I have cut him down for his wickedness.

12 And strangers, the strong ones of the Gentiles, shall cut him down and shall leave him; his branches shall fall upon the mountains and by all the

valleys, and his boughs shall be broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the peoples of the earth shall go forth from his shadow and shall leave him.

13 Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches:

14 to the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their tops among the thick boughs, neither in their branches shall all that drink waters stand up in their height: for they shall all be delivered unto death, to the lower parts of the earth, in the midst of the sons of men, with those that go down to the grave.

15 Thus said the Lord GOD; In the day when he went down to Sheol I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the many waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted.

16 I made the Gentiles to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol with those that descend into the pit: and all the choice trees of Eden, and the best of Lebanon, all that drink waters, shall be comforted in the lower parts of the earth.

17 They also went down into Sheol with him, with those *that were* slain with the sword; and *those that were* his arm, *that* dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the Gentiles.

18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet thou shalt be cut down with the trees of Eden unto the lower parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with *those that are* slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his people, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 32

1 ¶ And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, raise up lamentations upon Pharaoh king of Egypt and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou *art* as the whale in the seas, that dost dry up thy rivers, and trouble the waters with thy feet, and foul their streams.

3 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: I will therefore spread out my net over thee with a company of many peoples, and they shall bring thee up in my net.

4 Then I will leave thee upon the land; I will cast thee forth upon the open field and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains and fill the valleys with thy height.

6 I will also water with thy blood the land in which thou dost swim, *even* to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee.

7 And when thou art dead, I will cover the heavens and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

8 All the bright lights of heaven I will make dark because of thee and set darkness upon thy land, said the Lord GOD.

9 I will also make the hearts of many peoples sad when I shall bring thy destruction upon the Gentiles, into the countries which thou hast not known.

10 And I will make many peoples amazed at thee and their kings shall be horribly afraid because of thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at *every* moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

11 For thus hath the Lord GOD said: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.

12 By the swords of the mighty I will cause thy people to fall; they *shall* all be the strong of the Gentiles and they shall destroy the pride of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be undone.

13 I will also destroy all the beasts thereof from upon the many waters; neither shall the foot of man, nor the hoofs of beasts foul them any more.

14 Then I will make their waters deepen and cause their channels to run like oil, said the Lord GOD.

15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate and the fullness of the land shall be taken away when I shall smite all those that dwell therein, then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

16 This *is* the lamentation, and they shall sing it; the daughters of the Gentiles shall sing it: they shall lament over Egypt and over all her multitude, said the Lord GOD.

17 ¶ It also came to pass in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, lament over the multitude of Egypt and cast him down and the habitations of the strong Gentiles into the lower parts of the earth with those that go down into the grave.

19 Because thou art so beautiful, go down, and be laid with the uncircumcised.

20 They shall fall in the midst of *those that are* slain by the sword; he is delivered to the sword; bring him and all his peoples.

21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of Sheol with those that help him: they are gone down; they lie with the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

22 Asshur *is* there and all his company; his graves *are* about him; all of them slain, fallen by the sword:

23 whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and his company is round about his grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living.

24 There *is* Elam and all his multitude round about his grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the lowest *parts* of the earth because they spread their terror in the land of the living; yet they have borne their shame with those that go down to the grave.

25 They have set him a bed in the midst of the slain with all his multitude: his graves *are* round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the

sword because they spread their terror in the land of the living, yet they have borne their shame with those that go down to the pit; *he* was put in the midst of the dead.

26 There *is* Meshech, Tubal, and all his multitude; his graves *are* round about him, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword because they had caused their terror in the land of the living.

27 And they shall not lie with the mighty *that are* fallen of the uncircumcised, who are gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their sins shall be upon their bones because *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

28 *Yea*, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised and shalt lie with *those that are* slain with the sword.

29 There *is* Edom, his kings, and all his princes, which with their might are laid with *those that were* slain by the sword; they shall lie with the uncircumcised and with those that go down to the pit.

30 There *are* the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, who are gone down with the slain with their terror, ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with *those that are* slain by the sword and bear their shame with those that go down to the pit.

31 Pharaoh shall see them and shall be comforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, said the Lord GOD.

32 Because I have spread my terror in the land of the living, he shall also lay in the midst of the uncircumcised with *those that are* slain with the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 33

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to the sons of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring *a* sword upon the land and the people of the land take a man from *within* their borders and set him up as a watchman;

3 and he should see the sword coming upon the land, *if* he should blow the shofar, and warn the people,

4 then whoever hears the sound of the shofar and does not take warning; and the coming of the sword should take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5 He heard the sound of the shofar and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he that takes warning shall deliver his soul.

6 But if the watchman should see the sword coming and not blow the shofar and the people not be warned, if the sword comes and takes *any* person from among them, he is taken away because of his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.

7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me.

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die for his sin; but I will require his blood at thine hand.

9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, if he does not turn from his way, he shall die for his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10 ¶ Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel: Ye speak thus, saying, Our transgressions and our sins *are* upon us, and we are consumed because of them. How should we then live?

11 Say unto them, As I live, said the Lord GOD, I do not desire the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from his way and that he live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

12 And thou, son of man, say unto the sons of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him the day that he rebels; and the wickedness of the wicked shall not impede him in the day that he turns from his wickedness; and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness *in* the day that he sins.

13 When I am saying to the righteous, Thou shalt surely live and he trusting in his own righteousness commits iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he has committed, he shall die for it.

14 And, when I am saying unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turns from his sin, and does judgment and righteousness

15 *if* the wicked restores the pledge, returns that which he had robbed, walks in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity he shall surely live; he shall not die.

16 None of his sins that he has committed shall be mentioned unto him. Has he lived according to judgment and righteousness? He shall surely live.

17 Then the sons of thy people shall say, The way of the Lord is not straight: *but* their way is the one that is not straight.

18 When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die thereby.

19 And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does judgment and righteousness, he shall live thereby.

20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not straight. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you each one after his ways.

21 ¶ And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth *month*, in the fifth *day of* the month, *that* one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten.

22 Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening before he that was escaped came, and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and he opened my mouth, and I was never dumb again.

23 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, those that inhabit these wastes in the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he possessed the land; but we *are* many; the land is given us for a possession.

25 Therefore say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said; Ye eat with the blood and lift up your eyes toward your idols and shed blood, and shall ye possess this land?

26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile each one his neighbour's wife, and shall ye possess the land?

27 Thou shalt speak unto them like this, Thus hath the Lord GOD said; As I live, surely those that *are* in those wastes shall fall by the sword, and he that *is* in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those that *are* in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

28 For I will make the land into desert and solitude, and the pride of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that no one shall pass through.

29 Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have made the land into solitude and desert because of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 ¶ And thou, son of man, the sons of thy people are still talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses and speak one to another, each one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that comes forth from the LORD.

31 And they shall come unto thee as the people come, and they shall be before thee, my people, and they shall hear thy words, but they shall not do them; for with their mouth they flatter, *but* their heart goes after their covetousness.

32 And, behold, thou *art* unto them as a singer of love *songs*, one that has a good voice and can sing well: and they shall hear thy words, but they will not do them.

33 But when this comes to pass (behold, it comes), then they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Ezekiel 34

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say unto the pastors, Thus hath the Lord GOD said; Woe unto the shepherds of Israel that feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 Ye eat the milk, and ye clothe yourselves with the wool, ye kill those that are fat; *but* ye do not feed the flock.

4 Ye have not strengthened the weak, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which* was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty ye have ruled them;

5 and they are dispersed because *there is* no shepherd; and they became food to all the beasts of the field, and they were scattered.

6 My sheep *were* lost *and* wandered through all the mountains and upon every high hill; my flock was dispersed upon all the face of the earth, and there was no one to search for them or to require *anything* of them.

7 ¶ Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

8 *as* I live, said the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became food to every beast of the field, without a pastor, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed my flock;

9 therefore, O ye pastors, hear the word of the LORD.

10 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I *am* against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any longer; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, and they shall no longer be food for them.

11 For thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I, *even* I, will both search and recognize my sheep.

12 As the shepherd recognizes his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered, so will I recognize my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them to their own land and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers and in all the habitations of the country.

14 I will feed them in good pastures and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be; there they shall sleep in a good fold, and in fat pastures they shall be fed upon the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to have a fold, saith the Lord GOD.

16 I will seek that which was lost and bring again that which was driven away and will bind up *that which* was broken and will strengthen that which was sick but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them in judgment.

17 ¶ And *as for* you, O my flock, thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between the rams and the he goats.

18 *Does it seem* a small thing unto you that ye eat *of* the good pastures, but ye *also* tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and that *in* drinking of the deep waters, ye must also foul the residue with your feet?

19 And my sheep eat that which ye have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

20 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said unto them; Behold, I, *even* I, will judge between the fat sheep and between the lean sheep,

21 because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder and pushed all the weak with your horns until ye have scattered them outside.

22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 And I will raise up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my slave David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my slave David prince among them; I the LORD have spoken *it*.

25 And I will establish with them a covenant of peace and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

26 And I will give unto them and to the places round about my hill blessing, and I will cause the rain to come down in its season; they shall be rains of

blessing.

27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her fruit, and they shall be safe in their land and shall know that I *am* the LORD when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

28 And they shall no longer be a prey to the Gentiles, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make *them* afraid.

29 And I will raise up for them a plant by name, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the Gentiles any longer.

30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God *am* with them and *that* they, *even* the house of Israel, *are* my people, said the Lord GOD.

31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, *are* men, *and* I *am* your God, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 35

- 1 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against him,
3 and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, O Mount Seir, I *am* against thee, and I will stretch out my hand against thee, and I will make thee waste and solitary.
4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.
5 Because thou hast had perpetual enmities and hast scattered the sons of Israel to the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the extremely evil time:
6 therefore, *as* I live, said the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: and if thou dost not hate blood, blood shall pursue thee.
7 And I will make Mount Seir waste and solitary and cut off from him, he that passes out and him that returns.
8 And I will fill his mountains with his dead; and in thy hills and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, they shall fall that are slain with the sword.
9 I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall never be restored; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
10 ¶ Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess them, whereas the LORD was there.
11 Therefore, *as* I live, said the Lord GOD, I will even do according to thine anger and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy enmity against them; and I shall be known in them when I judge thee.
12 And thou shalt know that I, the LORD, have heard all thy injuries which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate; they are given us to devour.
13 Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me and have multiplied your words against me; I have heard *them*.
14 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Thus shall the whole earth rejoice *when* I shall make thee desolate.

15 As thou didst rejoice upon the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee; thou shalt be desolate, O Mount Seir, and all Idumea, *even* all of it: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Ezekiel 36

1 ¶ Also, thou son of man, prophesy upon the mountains of Israel and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.

2 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because the enemy hath said regarding you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession;

3 therefore prophesy and say, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because they have made *you* desolate and swallowed you up on every side that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the Gentiles, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers and *are* an infamy of the people;

4 Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD: Thus hath the Lord GOD said to the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys, to the ruins and the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken which became a prey and derision to the residue of the Gentiles that *are* round about,

5 therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Surely in the fire of my jealousy I have spoken against the other Gentiles and against all Idumea, who have disputed my land into their possession with the joy of all *their* heart, with spiteful desires, to cast it out for a prey.

6 Prophesy therefore upon the land of Israel and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury because ye have borne the shame of the Gentiles,

7 therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: I have lifted up my hand, Surely the Gentiles that *are* about you: they shall bear their shame.

8 But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people of Israel, for they are at hand to come.

9 For, behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown;

10 and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, *even* all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the ruins shall be built.

11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall multiply and grow; and I will cause thee to dwell as was thy desire of old and will do

better *unto you* than at your beginnings; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

12 And I will cause men to walk upon you, *even* my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and from now on thou shalt no longer bereave them *of sons*.

13 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Because they say of you, Thou *land that* devours up men and hast bereaved thy nations of sons,

14 therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations of sons any more, saith the Lord GOD.

15 Neither will I cause *men* to hear in thee the shame of the Gentiles any longer, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shalt thou cause the sons of thy inhabitants to die any longer, saith the Lord GOD.

16 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

17 Son of man, the house of Israel which dwells in their land has defiled it with their own ways and with their works; their way was before me as the uncleanness of a menstruous woman.

18 And I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols *with which* they had polluted it:

19 And I scattered them among the Gentiles, and they were dispersed through the countries; according to their ways and according to their doings I judged them.

20 And when they entered unto the Gentiles, where they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These *are* the people of the LORD and are gone forth out of his land.

21 And it has pained me to see my holy name profaned by the house of Israel among the Gentiles where they went.

22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: I do not *do this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for my holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the Gentiles, where ye went.

23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the Gentiles, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the Gentiles shall know that I *am* the LORD, said the Lord GOD when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

24 And I will take you from among the Gentiles and gather you out of all countries and will bring you into your own land.

25 ¶ And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be cleansed from all your filthiness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my commandments, and ye shall keep my rights, and do *them*.

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29 I will also keep you from all your uncleanness: and I will call to the wheat and will multiply it and lay no famine upon you.

30 I will multiply likewise the fruit of the trees, and the fruit of the fields, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the Gentiles.

31 Then ye shall remember your own evil ways and your doings that *were* not good and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

32 Not for your sakes do I *do this*, said the Lord GOD, be it known unto you; be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

33 Thus said the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities. I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be built.

34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by;

35 who said, This desolate land used to be like the garden of Eden; and these waste and desolate and ruined cities used to be fortified.

36 And the Gentiles that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD built the ruined *places and* planted that which was desolate; I the LORD have spoken *it*, and I will do it.

37 Thus hath the Lord GOD said; I will yet be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will multiply men like flocks.

38 As the holy sheep, as the sheep of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I

am the LORD.

Ezekiel 37

1 ¶ And the hand of the LORD was upon me and took me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the midst of a field which *was* full of bones,
2 and caused me to pass by them round about; and, behold, *there were* very many upon the face of the field; and *they were* very dry.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

4 Then he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones hear the word of the LORD.

5 Thus hath the Lord GOD said unto these bones: Behold, I will cause spirit to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay nerves upon you and will bring up flesh upon you and cover you with skin and put spirit in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded, and as I prophesied, there was a thunder, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And I beheld, and behold nerves upon them and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no spirit in them.

9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the spirit, prophecy, son of man, and say to the spirit, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Come from the four winds, O spirit, and breathe upon these slain, and they shall live.

10 And I prophesied as he commanded me, and the spirit entered into them, and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, all these bones are the house of Israel; behold, they say, Our bones have dried, and our hope is lost, and in ourselves we are totally cut off.

12 Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, O my people, I open your graves and will cause you to come up out of your graves and bring you into the land of Israel.

13 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves

14 and shall put my Spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall cause you to rest upon your *own* land; then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it* and performed *it*, said the LORD.

15 ¶ And the word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

16 Thou, son of man, take one stick and write upon it: To Judah, and to the sons of Israel his companions; then take another stick and write upon it: To Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and to all the house of Israel his companions:

17 and join them one to another that they might become one; and they shall be one in thy hand.

18 And when the sons of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou *meanest* by these?

19 Say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand.

20 And the sticks upon which thou dost write shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

21 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath the Lord GOD said; Behold, I take the sons of Israel from among the Gentiles, where they be gone and will gather them on every side and bring them into their *own* land;

22 and I will make them one nation in the land in the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall no longer be two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

23 neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their abominations, nor with all their rebellions, but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, in which they have sinned and will cleanse them, so they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And David my slave *shall be* king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd; they shall also walk within my rights and keep my statutes and do them.

25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my slave, in which your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they and their sons and their son's sons for ever; and my slave David *shall be* their prince for ever.

26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will plant them and multiply them and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27 And my tabernacle shall be in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

28 And the Gentiles shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Ezekiel 38

- 1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog in *the* land of Magog, prince of the capital of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy over him,
3 and say, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I *come* unto thee, O Gog, prince of the capital of Meshech and Tubal;
4 and I will break thee and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts *of armour*, *even* a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:
5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them, all of them with shield and helmet:
6 Gomer and all his companies; the house of Togarmah that dwells to the sides of the north and all his companies *and* many peoples with thee.
7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.
8 After many days thou shalt be visited; at the end of years thou shalt come to the land broken by the sword, gathered out of many peoples, to the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste; but she is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.
9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm; thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy companies and many peoples with thee.
10 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: It shall also come to pass in that day, that words shall rise up in thy heart, and thou shalt conceive an evil thought:
11 and thou shalt say, I will go up against the land of unwalled villages; I will go *against* those that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,
12 to take a spoil and to take a prey, to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the Gentiles, who have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the navel of the land.
13 Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou

gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

14 ¶ Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog: Thus hath the Lord GOD said: In that time when my people of Israel shall dwell securely, shalt thou not know *it*?

15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

16 and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be at the end of the days, and *I* will bring thee upon my land, that the Gentiles may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

17 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: *Art* thou not he of whom I have spoken in days past by my slaves the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those times that I would have to bring thee upon them?

18 And it shall come to pass in that time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, said the Lord GOD, *that* my fury shall rise up in my anger.

19 For in my jealousy *and* in the fire of my wrath I have spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking upon the land of Israel,

20 so that the fishes of the sea and the fowls of the heaven and the beasts of the field and every serpent that walks by dragging *itself* upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon the face of the earth, shall shake before my presence, and the mountains shall be ruined, and the stairs shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, said the Lord GOD: each man's sword shall be against his brother.

22 And I will litigate against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him and upon his companies and upon the many peoples that *are* with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23 And I will be magnified and sanctified, and I will be known in the eyes of many Gentiles, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Ezekiel 39

1 ¶ Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, prince of the capital of Meshech and Tubal;

2 and I will break thee, and leave but the sixth part of thee and will cause thee to come up from the north parts and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

3 and I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy companies and the peoples that *go* with thee; I have given thee unto every bird and unto everything that flies and *to* the beasts of the field as food.

5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field for I have spoken *it*, said the Lord GOD.

6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among those that dwell securely in the isles: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 So I will make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not *let them* pollute my holy name any more; and the Gentiles shall know that I *am* the LORD, Holy in Israel.

8 ¶ Behold, it is come, and it is over, said the Lord GOD; this *is* the day of which I have spoken.

9 And those that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth and shall set on fire and burn weapons, and shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, and handstaves, and spears, and they shall burn them in *the* fire for seven years:

10 so that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons in the fire; and they shall spoil those that spoiled them and rob those that robbed them, said the Lord GOD.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the *noses* of the passengers; and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call *it* The valley of Hamongog.

12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them that they may cleanse the land.

13 All the people of the land shall bury *them*; and it shall be to them a renown, the day that I shall be glorified, said the Lord GOD.

14 And they shall take men out of continual employment, who shall go through the land with the passengers to bury those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it; after the end of seven months they shall search.

15 And the passengers *that* pass through the land, when *any* sees a man's bone, then he shall set up a sign by it, until the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog.

16 And also the name of the city *shall be* Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

17 And, thou son of man, thus hath the Lord GOD said: Speak unto every bird, unto everything that flies, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of he goats, of oxen, and of bulls, all of them fattened in Bashan.

19 And ye shall eat fat until ye are full, and drink blood until ye are drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and strong chariots, and with all *the* men of war, said the Lord GOD.

21 And I will set my glory among the Gentiles, and all the Gentiles shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

22 So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and forward.

23 ¶ And the Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity because they rebelled against me, and I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their enemies; so they all fell by the sword.

24 According to their uncleanness and according to their rebellions have I done unto them and hid my face from them.

25 Therefore thus hath the Lord GOD said: Now I will turn the captivity of Jacob and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel and will be jealous for my holy name.

26 After they shall feel their shame and all their rebellion by which they have rebelled against me when they dwelt safely in their land, and no one made *them* afraid.

27 When I bring them again from the peoples and gather them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many Gentiles.

28 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God when after causing them to be led into captivity among the Gentiles; I shall gather them unto their own land, without leaving any of them there any longer.

29 Neither will I hide my face any longer from them, for I will pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 40

1 ¶ In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was smitten, in that same day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me there.

2 In the visions of God he brought me into the land of Israel and set me upon a very high mountain, upon which *was* as the frame of a city to the south.

3 And he brought me there, and, behold, *there was* a man, whose appearance *was* like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes and hear with thine ears and set thine heart upon all that I show thee for to the intent that I might show *them* unto thee *art* thou brought here: declare all that thou dost see to the house of Israel.

5 ¶ And behold a wall on the outside of the house, and the measuring reed which that man had in his hand, was six cubits *long*, of a cubit and a hand breadth; so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6 Then he came unto the gate which looks toward the east and went up the stairs thereof and measured the post of the gate, *which was* one reed broad; and the other post *of the gate, which was* one reed broad.

7 And *each* chamber *was* one reed long and one reed broad; and between the chambers *were* five cubits; and *each* post of the gate by the porch of the gate within *was* one reed.

8 He also measured the porch of the gate within, one reed.

9 Then he measured the entrance of the portal, eight cubits; and its posts, two cubits; and the entrance of the portal within.

10 And the gate eastward *had* three chambers on each side, they three *were* of one measure; and the portals were also of one measure on each side.

11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; *and* the length of the portal, thirteen cubits.

12 The space also before the chambers *was* one cubit *on this side*, and the space *was* one cubit on that side; and the chambers *were* six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13 He measured then the gate from the roof of *one* chamber to the roof of another; the breadth *was* twenty-five cubits, door against door.

14 He also made the portals of sixty cubits, each portal of the court and of the portal all around.

15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate *were* fifty cubits.

16 And *there were* narrow windows in the chambers, and in their portals within the gate round about, and likewise in the arches; and the windows *were* round about inward; and upon *each* post *were* palm trees.

17 Then he brought me into the outer court, and, behold, *there were* chambers and a pavement made for the court round about; thirty chambers *were* in that court.

18 And the lower pavement *was* paved to the side of the gates, in proportion to the length of the portals.

19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, one hundred cubits eastward and north ward.

20 And the gate of the outer court that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof and the breadth thereof.

21 And its chambers *were* three on this side and three on that side; and its posts and its arches *were* after the measure of the first gate; its length *was* fifty cubits, and its breadth twenty-five cubits.

22 And their windows and their arches and their palm trees *were* after the measure of the gate that looks toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and its arches *were* before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court *was* over against the gate toward the north and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate one hundred cubits.

24 After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south; and he measured its portals and its arches according to these measures.

25 And *there were* windows in it and in its arches round about, like those windows; the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits.

26 And *there were* seven steps to go up to it, and its arches *were* before them; and it had palm trees, one on this side and another on that side, upon the posts thereof.

27 ¶ And *thus was the* gate in the inner court toward the south; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south one hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate; and he measured the south gate according to these measures;

29 and its chambers, and its posts and its arches according to these measures; and *there were* windows in it and in its arches round about; *it was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits broad.

30 And the arches round about *were* twenty-five cubits long and five cubits broad.

31 And its arches *went* into the court outside, with palm trees upon *each of* its posts; and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east; and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33 And its chambers and its posts and its arches *were* according to these measures; and *there were* windows therein and in its arches round about; *it was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits broad.

34 And its arches *went* into the court outside, with palm trees upon *each of* its posts, on this side and on that side; and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

35 Then he brought me to the north gate and measured *it* according to these measures;

36 its chambers, its posts and its arches and the windows to it round about: the length *was* fifty cubits and the breadth twenty-five cubits.

37 And its posts *were* toward the outer court; with palm trees upon *each of* its posts, on this side and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

38 And *there was* a chamber and its gate with posts of portals, there they shall wash the burnt offering.

39 ¶ And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side and two tables on that side, to slay the burnt offering upon and the sin and the guilt.

40 And to the outside of the steps at the entry of the north gate *were* two tables; and on the other side, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two tables.

41 Four tables *were* on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of this gate; eight tables, upon which they slew *their sacrifices*.

42 And the four tables *were* of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high; upon which they also laid the instruments with which they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within *were* hooks, a hand broad, fastened round about; and upon the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

44 And outside the inner gate *were* the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate; and they faced toward the south, one at the side of the east gate facing toward the north.

45 And he said unto me, This chamber facing toward the south *shall be* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

46 And the chamber facing toward the north *shall be* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar; these *are* the sons of Zadok who are called from the sons of Levi to minister to the LORD.

47 So he measured the court, one hundred cubits long and one hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar *that was* before the house.

48 And he brought me to the porch of the house and measured *each* post of the porch five cubits on this side and five cubits on that side; and the breadth of the gate *was* three cubits on this side and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits, into which they went in by steps; and *there were* pillars by the posts, one on this side and another on that side.

Ezekiel 41

1 ¶ Afterward he brought me to the temple and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, *which was the breadth of the arch.*

2 And the breadth of *each* door *was* ten cubits, and the sides of the door *were* five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side; and he measured its length, forty cubits; and its breadth, twenty cubits.

3 Then he went inward and measured *each* post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits.

4 So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple; and he said unto me, *This is the most holy place.*

5 After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of the chambers, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

6 And the chambers *were* one over another, and thirty-three by order; and they entered *supports* into the wall of the house round about, upon which the chambers might have hold, but they did not have hold upon the wall of the house.

7 And *there was* an enlarging and a winding about in the chambers to the highest *part*; for the winding about of the house *went* very high round about *inside* the house; therefore the house *had greater* breadth upward, and from the lowest chamber it rose to the highest by the one in the middle.

8 I saw also the height of the house round about; the foundations of the chambers *were* a full reed of six great cubits.

9 The thickness of the outside wall of the chambers *was* five cubits; and the space that was left of the chambers that *were* within.

10 And between the chambers *was* the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 And the door of each chamber *was* toward the space that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south; and the breadth of the space that was left *was* five cubits round about.

12 ¶ Now the building that *was* before the separate place to the side toward the west *was* seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building *was* five

cubits thick round about, and its length ninety cubits.

13 So he measured the house, one hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with its walls, one hundred cubits long;

14 also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the south, one hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which *was* behind it, and its chambers on the one side and on the other side, one hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the portals of the court.

16 The thresholds, and the narrow windows, and the chambers, three around about to the front, all covered with wood round about from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were also* covered.

17 Above over the door, and unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, he took measurements.

18 And *the wall* was decorated with cherubim and palm trees, so that a palm tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub; and *each* cherub had two faces;

19 so that the face of a man *was* toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a lion toward the palm tree on the other side, through all the house round about.

20 From the ground unto above the door, cherubim and palm trees *were* made, and *upon* the entire wall of the temple.

21 Each post of the temple *was* squared, *and* the front of the sanctuary was as the other front.

22 The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and its length two cubits; and its corners, and the surface thereof, and its walls, *were* of wood; and he said unto me, This is the table that *is* before the LORD.

23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24 And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two *leaves* for the one door, and two leaves for the other *door*.

25 And *there were* made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, like as *were* made upon the walls; and *there were* thick planks upon the face of the porch without.

26 And *there were* narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and of the house, and upon the

beams.

Ezekiel 42

1 ¶ Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north; and he brought me into the chamber that *was* over against the space which *was* in front of the building toward the north.

2 In front of the north door the length *was* one hundred cubits, and the breadth *was* fifty cubits.

3 Over against the twenty *cubits* which *were* in the inner court, and over against the pavement which *was* in the outer court, *were* the chambers in three *stories*.

4 And in front of the chambers *was* a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

5 Now the upper chambers *were* shorter; for the galleries took away from the others, from the lower ones and from the middle ones.

6 For they *were* in three *stories*, but did not have pillars as the pillars of the courts; therefore they were narrower than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

7 And the wall that *was* without over against the chambers, toward the outer court in front of the chambers, *was* fifty cubits long.

8 For the length of the chambers that *were* in the outer court *was* fifty cubits; and before the front of the temple *were* one hundred cubits.

9 And under these chambers *was* the entry *to the temple* on the east side, to enter in to it from the outer court.

10 All along the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and in front of the building *were* chambers.

11 And the way before them *was* like the appearance of the chambers which *were* toward the north, as long as they, *and* as broad as they; and all their goings out *were* both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 And according to the doors of the chambers that *were* toward the south *was* a door in the head of the way, *even* the way directly in front of the wall toward the east, as one enters into them.

13 Then he said unto me, The north chambers *and* the south chambers, which *are* before the separate place, they *are* holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall eat the holy offerings; there they shall lay the holy offerings, and the present, and *that which was offered as sin*, and as guilt; for the place *is* holy.

14 When the priests enter therein, then they shall not go out of the holy *place* into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments in which they minister; for they *are* holy; and shall put on other garments, and in this manner shall approach unto that which *is* of the people.

15 ¶ Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth by the way of the gate facing toward the east and measured it round about.

16 He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed round about.

17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed round about.

18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

19 He turned about to the west side, *and* measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20 He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred *reeds* long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

Ezekiel 43

1 ¶ Afterward he brought me to the gate, *even* the gate that looks toward the east:

2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel that was coming from the east; and his noise *was* like the noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.

3 And *it was* according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions *were* like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the east.

5 So the Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

6 And I heard *him* speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.

7 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, *this is* the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, in which I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel for ever, and my holy name, the house of Israel shall no longer defile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their altars.

8 In their setting of their threshold by my threshold, and their post by my post, and *a* wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed; therefore I have consumed them in my anger.

9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

10 Thou son of man, show this house to the house of Israel that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them understand the pattern.

11 And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and its pattern, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all its figures, and all its descriptions, and all its paintings, and

all its laws; and write *it* in their sight that they may keep the whole form thereof and all the ordinances thereof and do them.

12 This *is* the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain *it shall be built*; the whole limit thereof round about *shall be* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the house.

13 ¶ And these *are* the measures of the altar in cubits: The cubit *is* a cubit and a hand breadth; the middle *rim*, one cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about of a span. This shall be the high bottom of the altar.

14 And from the middle *rim* of the ground *even* to the lower settle, two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle to the greater settle, four cubits, and the breadth a cubit.

15 So the altar, of four cubits; and above the altar, four horns.

16 And the altar *was* twelve *cubits* long, twelve broad, square on its four sides.

17 And the patio *was* fourteen *cubits* long and fourteen broad on all four sides; and the border about it *was* half a cubit; and the middle which had a *rim* of a cubit on all sides; and its stairs were toward the east.

18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus hath the Lord GOD said: These *are* the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.

19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, said the Lord GOD, a young bullock as sin.

20 And thou shalt take of its blood and put *it* on the four horns of *the altar* and on the four corners of the patio and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou remove the sin and reconcile it.

21 Then thou shalt take the bullock of the sin and burn it according to the law of the house, outside the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a he goat without blemish as sin; and they shall remove the sin from the altar, as they removed *it* with the bullock.

23 When thou hast finished removing the sin, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD.

25 Seven days shalt thou prepare each day a he goat as sin; and a young bullock and a ram out of the flock, without blemish, shall they sacrifice.

26 Seven days shall they atone the altar, and they shall cleanse it; and they shall extend their hands.

27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, *that* upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall sacrifice your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 44

1 ¶ Then he brought me back toward the outer gate of the sanctuary which looks toward the east; and it *was* shut.

2 Then the LORD said unto me: This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 *It is* for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 ¶ Then he brought me toward the north gate in front of the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD; and I fell upon my face.

5 And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, pay attention, and behold with thine eyes and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD and all its laws; and pay attention to the entering in of the house and to every going forth from the sanctuary.

6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus hath the Lord GOD said: O ye house of Israel, let all your abominations cease.

7 In that ye have brought *into my sanctuary* strangers, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh to be in my sanctuary to pollute it, *even* my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

8 And ye have not kept the charge of my holy things; but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 Thus hath the Lord GOD said; No son of a stranger, uncircumcised in heart nor uncircumcised in flesh shall enter into my sanctuary, of any sons of strangers that *are* among the sons of Israel.

10 ¶ And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall bear their iniquity.

11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, gatekeepers at the gates of the house, and servants in the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to serve them.

12 Because they served them before their idols and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore I have lifted up my hand regarding them, said the Lord GOD, that they shall bear their iniquity.

13 And they shall not come near unto me, to serve me as priests, nor to come near to any of my holy things, to my most holy things: but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.

14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house for all the service thereof and for all that shall be done therein.

15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, said the Lord GOD.

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

17 ¶ And it shall come to pass, *that* when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court and within.

18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads and shall have linen underwear upon their loins; they shall not gird *themselves* with any thing that causes sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the outer court, *even* into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they ministered and lay them in the chambers of the sanctuary, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only cut their hair.

21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

23 And they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane and teach them to discern between the clean and the unclean.

24 And in controversy they shall stand to judge; *and* they shall judge it according to my rights; and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my *solemn* assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

25 And they shall come near no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that has had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

27 And in the day that he goes into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin, said the Lord GOD.

28 And *this* shall be unto them for an inheritance: I shall be their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I *am* their possession.

29 They shall eat the present, and that *which was offered* as sin, and that *which was offered* as guilt they shall eat; and every dedicated thing *unto God* in Israel shall be theirs.

30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all *things*, and every offering of all, of every *sort* of your offerings, shall be the priest's; ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

Ezekiel 45

1 ¶ Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall separate a lot for the LORD of the land which ye shall consecrate: the length *shall be* the length of twenty-five thousand *reeds*, and the breadth *shall be* ten thousand. This *shall be* holy in all its borders round about.

2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred *in length*, with five hundred *in breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for its suburbs.

3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of twenty-five thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand; and in it shall be the sanctuary *and* the most holy *place*.

4 The holy *portion* of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which are chosen to minister unto the LORD; and it shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5 And *another* twenty-five thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession, with twenty chambers.

6 And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and twenty-five thousand long, in front of that which was separated for the sanctuary; it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 And *the portion* of the prince shall be on the one side and on the other side of that which was separated for the sanctuary, and next to the possession of the city, in front of that which was separated for the sanctuary, and in front of the possession of the city, from the west corner westward, unto the east corner eastward: and the length *shall be* from one side to the other, from the west corner unto the east corner.

8 He shall have this land for possession in Israel: and my princes shall no longer oppress my people; but they shall give the land unto the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD said: Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel, remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and righteousness, take away your exactions from my people, said the Lord GOD.

10 Ye shall have just balances and a just ephah and a just bath.

11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.

12 And the shekel *shall be* twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, with twenty-five shekels, and fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

13 ¶ This *is* the offering that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of barley.

14 The ordinance concerning the oil *shall be that ye shall offer* a bath of oil, which is the tenth part of the cor, *which is* an homer of ten baths; for ten baths *are* an homer:

15 and one *female* lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a sacrifice, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for you, said the Lord GOD.

16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Israel.

17 And it shall be the prince's part *to give* the burnt offering and the sacrifice and the drink offering in the solemnities and in the new moons and in the sabbaths in all the feasts of the house of Israel: he shall offer the sin, and the present and the burnt offering and the peace offerings to reconcile the house of Israel.

18 Thus hath the Lord GOD said: In the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock, without blemish, and remove the sin from the sanctuary.

19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin and put *it* upon the posts of the house and upon the four corners of the patio of the altar and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 And so thou shalt do *until* the seventh *day* of the month for each one that errs, and for *him that is* deceived; so shall ye reconcile the house.

21 In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 And upon that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a calf as sin.

23 And in *all* seven days of the solemnity he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven calves and seven rams without blemish daily the seven

days; and a he goat daily as sin.

24 And he shall prepare a present of an *ephah of fine flour* for a calf, and an ephah with every ram, and for every ephah a hin of oil.

25 In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month, he shall offer *again* in the feast of the seven days, the sin, the burnt offering, the present, and the oil.

Ezekiel 46

1 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD said: The gate of the inner court that looks toward the east shall be shut the six working days; and the day of the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the same manner it shall be opened the day of the new moon.

2 And the prince shall enter from outside by the way of the porch of *that* gate and shall stand by the threshold of the gate (while the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings), and he shall worship at the entrance of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

4 And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the day of the sabbath *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5 And the present *shall be* an ephah of *fine flour* for each ram and the present for each lamb as he shall be able to give, and a hin of oil for each ephah.

6 But in the day of the new moon *it shall be* a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a present of an ephah of *fine flour* with the calf, and *another* ephah with each ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and a hin of oil with each ephah.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by the *same* way thereof.

9 But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that enters in by the way of the north gate *to worship* shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that enters by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate; he shall not return by the way of the gate by which he came in, but shall go forth opposite it.

10 And the prince, when they go in, he shall go in, in the midst of them; and when they go forth, he shall go forth.

11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the present shall be an ephah *of fine flour* with each calf, and another ephah with *each* ram, and with the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil with *each* ephah.

12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, they shall open him the gate that looks toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he does on the day of the Sabbath; then he shall go forth; and after his going forth they shall shut the gate.

13 Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the LORD *of* a lamb of the first year without blemish; thou shalt prepare it each morning.

14 And thou shalt prepare a present with it each morning, the sixth part of an ephah *of fine flour*, and the third part of a hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; *this shall be* a present for the LORD continually by *a* perpetual ordinance.

15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb and the present and the oil each morning *for* a continual burnt offering.

16 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD said: If the prince gives a gift of his inheritance unto any of his sons, it *shall be* theirs; the possession thereof *shall be* by inheritance.

17 But if he gives a gift of his inheritance to one of his slaves, then it shall be his until the year of liberty; when it shall return to the prince; but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.

18 And the prince shall take nothing from the people's inheritance, that he not defraud them of their possession; *but* he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession that my people not be scattered each one from his possession.

19 ¶ After he brought me through the entry, which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north; and, behold, there *was* a place on the two sides westward.

20 Then he said unto me, This *is* the place where the priests shall boil that *which was offered as* guilt and that *which was offered as* sin, where they shall bake the present; that they not bear *them* out into the outer court, to sanctify the people.

21 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in each corner of the court *there*

was a patio.

22 In the four corners of the court *there were* patios joined of forty *cubits* long and thirty broad; these four corners *were* of one measure.

23 And *there was* a wall round about in them, round about those four, and *it was* made with fire places all around the palaces.

24 Then said he unto me, These *are* the quarters of the cooks, where the servers of the house shall cook the sacrifice of the people.

Ezekiel 47

1 ¶ Afterward he made me return to the entrance of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house *stood toward* the east, and the waters came down from under towards the right side of the house, to the south *side* of the altar.

2 Then he brought me out by the way of the north gate and led me by the way outside the gate, outside to the way that looks eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

3 And when the man went forth eastward, *he had* a line in his hand, and he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the ankles.

4 Again he measured a thousand and brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the knees. Again he measured a thousand and brought me through; the waters *were* to the loins.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could not pass over; for the waters were risen; a river that could not be passed over without swimming.

6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this*? Then he brought me and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 And as I turned, behold, at the bank of the river *were* very many trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then he said unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country and shall go down into the desert and go into the sea: *which being* brought forth into the sea, the waters *of the sea* shall be healed.

9 And it shall come to pass, *that* every living soul, which swims wherever these two rivers shall come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because of these waters going there: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live that shall enter into this river.

10 And it shall come to pass, *that* the fishermen shall stand next to it; and from Engedi even unto Eneglaim there shall be a *place* to spread forth nets; according to their kinds, their fish shall be as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.

11 But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.

12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow every *fruitful* tree for food, whose leaf shall not fall, neither shall its fruit be lacking; it shall bring forth mature fruit in its months, because their waters come forth out of the sanctuary; and its fruit shall be for food, and its leaf for medicine.

13 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD said: This is the border, by which ye shall divide the land in inheritance among to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph *shall have two portions*.

14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another, *concerning* that which I lifted up my hand that I must give it unto your fathers: therefore, this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

15 And this *shall be* the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which *is* between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazarhatticon, which *is* by the coast of Hauran.

17 And the border of the north shall be from the sea of Hazarenan to the border of Damascus to the north, and to the border of Hamath to the side of the north.

18 And to the east side through Hauran, and Damascus, and Gilead, and through the land of Israel to the Jordan, ye shall measure this from the border unto the east sea.

19 And to the south side southward from Tamar *even* to the waters of strife; from Kadesh and the river to the great sea. And *this shall be* the south side southward.

20 And to the west side the great sea shall be the border straight unto Hamath. This *shall be* the west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land among you according to the tribes of Israel.

22 And it shall come to pass, *that* ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, who have begotten sons among you; and they shall be unto you as native born among the sons of Israel; they shall have cast lots with you to inherit among the tribes of Israel.

23 And it shall come to pass, *that* in the tribe in which the stranger sojourns, there shall ye give *him* his inheritance, said the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 48

1 ¶ Now these *are* the names of the tribes. From the side of the north by the way of Hethlon, as one goes to Hamath, Hazarenan, to the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; Dan shall have a *portion*, his sides being to the east and to the west.

2 And next to the border of Dan, from the east side unto the side of the sea, Asher shall have a *portion*.

3 And next to the border of Asher, from the east side unto the side of the sea, a *portion for* Naphtali.

4 And next to the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the side of the sea, a *portion for* Manasseh.

5 And next to the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the side of the sea, a *portion for* Ephraim.

6 And next to the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the side of the sea, a *portion for* Reuben.

7 And next to the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the side of the sea, a *portion for* Judah.

8 And next to the border of Judah, from the east side unto the side of the sea, shall be the lot which ye shall set apart of twenty-five thousand *reeds in* breadth, and *in* length as one of the *other* portions; *that is*, from the east side unto the side of the sea: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

9 The lot that ye shall separate unto the LORD *shall be* of twenty-five thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth.

10 And from there shall be the holy lot of the priests; toward the north twenty-five thousand *reeds in length*, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south twenty-five thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.

11 The priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok, which have kept my charge, which did not go astray when the sons of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.

12 They shall receive *by lot*, separated in the dividing of the land, the most holy part, next to the border of the Levites.

13 And the *portion* of the Levites, *shall be* in front the border of the priests, of twenty-five thousand *reeds* in length, and of ten thousand in breadth; all the length *shall be* twenty-five thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.

14 They shall not sell of it, neither exchange nor transpose the firstfruits of the land; for *it is* consecrated unto the LORD.

15 And the five thousand *reeds*, that are left in the breadth over against the twenty-five thousand, shall be profane, for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof.

16 And these *shall be* the measures thereof: the north side four thousand five hundred *reeds*, and the south side four thousand five hundred, and on the east side four thousand five hundred, and the west side four thousand five hundred.

17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty *reeds*, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

18 And the residue in length over against the lot of the holy *portion shall be* ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: which shall be *what is left* of the lot of the holy *portion*; it shall be for food unto those that serve the city.

19 And those that serve the city shall be from all the tribes of Israel.

20 All the lot of twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand square: ye shall separate by lot for the sanctuary and for the possession of the city.

21 And the residue *shall be* for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy lot, and of the possession of the city, over against the twenty-five thousand *reeds* of the *holy* lot unto the east border, and westward over against the twenty-five thousand unto the west border, over against the *said* portions shall be of the prince; and it shall be a holy lot; and the sanctuary of the house *shall be* in the midst thereof.

22 Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, in the midst *shall be* that which belongs to the prince, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be *the lot* of the prince.

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the side of the sea, Benjamin *shall have a portion*.

24 And next to the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the side of the sea, Simeon *shall have a portion*.

25 And next to the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the side of the sea, Issachar a *portion*.

26 And next to the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the side of the sea, Zebulun a *portion*.

27 And next to the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the side of the sea, Gad a *portion*.

28 And next to the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be from Tamar unto the waters of strife, and *from* Kadesh, *and* the river unto the great sea.

29 This *is* the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these *are* their portions, said the Lord GOD.

30 And these *are* the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand five hundred *reeds* by measure.

31 ¶ And the gates of the city *shall be* according to the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, another; the gate of Levi, another.

32 And at the east side four thousand five hundred *reeds*: and three gates; the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, another; the gate of Dan, another.

33 And at the south side four thousand five hundred *reeds* by measure: and three gates; the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, another; the gate of Zebulun, another.

34 At the west side four thousand five hundred *reeds*, and their three gates; the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, another; the gate of Naphtali, another.

35 *It was* round about eighteen thousand *reeds*: and the name of the city from that day shall be, THE LORD IS HERE.

The Prophecy of **Daniel**

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Daniel 1

1 ¶ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came unto Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand with part of the vessels of the house of God which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 And the king spoke unto Ashpenaz the prince of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the sons of Israel of the royal lineage of the princes,

4 young men in whom *there was* no blemish whatsoever but *who were* good looking and taught in all wisdom and wise in knowledge and of good understanding, and that *had* strength in them to stand in the king's palace, that they might be taught the letters and speech of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's food and of the wine which he drank, so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

6 Now among these of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

7 unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

8 ¶ And Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's food, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore

he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 (And God brought Daniel into grace and mercy with the prince of the eunuchs.)

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for when he shall see your faces more downcast than the *other* young men who *are* like unto you, then ye shall condemn my head before the king.

11 Then Daniel said to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Prove, now, with thy slaves ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenances of the young men that eat of the portion of the king's food; and as thou seest, deal with thy slaves.

14 So he consented to them in this matter and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than the young men who ate the portion of the king's food.

16 Thus Melzar took the portion of their food and the wine that they should drink and gave them vegetables.

17 ¶ And unto these four young men, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in all letters and science; furthermore Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 Now at the end of the days after which the king had said he should bring them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them, and none among them all was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; and *therefore* they stood before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom *and* intelligence, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of King Cyrus.

Daniel 2

1 ¶ And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, with which his spirit was troubled, and his sleep fled from him.

2 Then the king commanded to call magicians, astrologers, enchanter, and Chaldeans, that they might show the king his dreams. So they came and presented themselves before the king.

3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed *a* dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever; tell thy servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from my *memory*; if ye will not make known unto me the dream with its interpretation, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

6 But if ye show the dream and its interpretation, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore show me the dream, and its interpretation.

7 They answered the second time and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation of it.

8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain time because ye see the thing is gone from my memory.

9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you for ye certainly prepare lying and corrupt words to speak before me, until the time is changed; therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can show me its interpretation.

10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can show the king's matter; furthermore *there is* no king, prince, nor lord *that* asked such a thing of any magician or astrologer or Chaldean.

11 Finally, the thing that the king requires is singular, and there is no one that can show it before the king except the angels *of God*, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious and commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.

13 And the decree went forth, and the wise *men* were taken to be slain, and they sought Daniel and his fellows to kill them.

14 ¶ Then Daniel spoke with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, who was gone forth to slay the wise *men* of Babylon.

15 He spoke and said to Arioch the king's captain, What is the reason for which this decree has gone forth from the king with such haste? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

16 And Daniel went in, and asked the king that he give him time and that he would show the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,

18 to petition mercies of the God of heaven concerning this mystery and that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

19 Then the mystery was revealed unto Daniel in a night vision for which Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 And Daniel spoke and said, Blessed be the name of God from age to age for wisdom and might are his;

21 and it is he that changes the times and the opportunities; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom unto the wise and knowledge unto those that know understanding:

22 He reveals that which is deep and hidden; he knows what *is* in darkness, and the light dwells with him.

23 Unto thee, O God of my fathers, do I confess and give thee praise that thou hast given me wisdom and might and now hast shown me what we asked of thee, for thou hast shown us the king's matter.

24 ¶ After this Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon; he went and said thus unto him, Do not destroy the wise *men* of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show unto the king the interpretation.

25 Then Arioch brought Daniel in before the king in haste and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah that will make known unto

the king the interpretation.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make me understand the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king and said, The mystery which the king demands cannot be shown unto the king by wise *men*, astrologers, magicians, nor fortune-tellers.

28 But there is *a* God in the heavens who reveals the mysteries, and he has made known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall happen at the end of days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, is this:

29 Thou, O king, in thy bed, thy thoughts rose up to know what should come to pass in the future; and he that reveals the mysteries showed thee what shall come to pass.

30 And unto me this mystery has been revealed, not for *any* wisdom that is in me more than in all those living but that I notify the interpretation to the king and that thou might understand the thoughts of thy heart.

31 ¶ Thou, O king, didst see and behold a great image. This image, which was very large and whose glory was very sublime, stood before thee, and its form *was* terrible.

32 The head of this image *was* of fine gold, its breasts and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of brass,

33 its legs of iron, its feet part of iron and part of baked clay.

34 Thou didst see until a stone was cut out, not with hands, which smote the image upon its feet *that were* of iron and baked clay and broke them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the baked clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold broken to pieces together and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away that no place was found for them again; and the stone that smote the image was made into a great mountain that filled the whole earth.

36 This *is* the dream, and we will tell its interpretation before the king.

37 Thou, O king, *art* king of kings, for the God of heaven has given thee the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the majesty.

38 And everything that is inhabited by children of men, beasts of the field, and fowls of the heaven, *he* has given into thine hand, and has made thee ruler over them all. Thou *art* this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the land.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron; and as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all *things*, and as iron that breaks all these things, it shall break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou didst see the feet and toes, part of baked potters' clay and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divisive; but there shall be in it *some* of the strength of the iron, such as thou didst see the iron mixed with baked clay.

42 And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron and part of baked clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly fragile.

43 Concerning that which thou didst see, the iron mixed with baked clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men, but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron does not mix with clay.

44 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven shall raise up a kingdom which eternally shall never become corrupted, and this kingdom shall not be left to another people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 In the manner which thou didst see that out of the mountain was cut one stone, not with hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has shown the king what shall come to pass hereafter; and the dream is true, and its interpretation sure.

46 ¶ Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and humbled himself before Daniel and commanded that they should sacrifice presents and sweet odours unto him.

47 The king answered unto Daniel and said, Certainly the God *that is* your God *is* God of gods and the Lord of the kings and the revealer of the mysteries, seeing thou could reveal this mystery.

48 Then the king magnified Daniel and gave him many and great gifts and made him governor over the whole province of Babylon and prince of the governors over all the wise *men* of Babylon.

49 And Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel *was* at the gate of the king.

Daniel 3

1 ¶ Nebuchadnezzar the king made a statue of gold, whose height *was* sixty cubits *and* its breadth six cubits; he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the great *ones*, the assistants and captains, the judges, the treasurers, those of the council, presidents, and all the governors of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the statue which Nebuchadnezzar the king had raised up.

3 Then the great *ones*, the assistants and captains, the judges, the treasurers, those of the council, presidents, and all the governors of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the statue that Nebuchadnezzar the king had raised up; and they stood before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar the king had raised up.

4 Then a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

5 *that* when ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and of every musical instrument, ye *are to* fall down and worship the statue of gold that Nebuchadnezzar the king has raised up:

6 and whoever does not fall down and worship shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

7 Therefore, when all the peoples heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and every musical instrument, all the peoples, nations, and languages, fell down *and* worshipped the statue of gold that Nebuchadnezzar the king had raised up.

8 ¶ Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.

9 They spoke and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.

10 Thou, O king, hast made a law that every man upon hearing the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and every musical instrument, shall fall down and worship the statue of gold;

11 and whoever does not fall down and worship *that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee; they do not worship thy gods, nor *do they* worship the statue of gold which thou hast raised up.

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said unto them, *Is it* true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that ye do not honour my gods, nor worship the statue of gold which I have set up?

15 Now, are ye ready when ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and of every musical instrument to fall down and worship the statue which I made? For if ye do not worship, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who *is* that god that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, We *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17 Behold, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not worship thy god, nor honour the statue which thou hast raised up.

19 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; *therefore* he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was customary to be heated.

20 And he commanded the most mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their undergarments, and their hats, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste *and* spoke and said unto his counsellors, Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25 He answered and said, Behold, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace *and* spoke and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth and come *here*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

27 And the great ones, the governors and the captains and the king's counsellors gathered together to see these men upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

28 ¶ *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, Blessed *be* the God of these, of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants that trusted in him and have changed the king's word and yielded their bodies that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God

29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, or language which speak blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill because there is no other god that can deliver after this sort.

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 4

1 ¶ King Nebuchadnezzar, to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

2 The signs and wonders that the high God has wrought with me are such that I must publish them.

3 How great *are* his signs! and how mighty *are* his wonders! His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion *is* from generation to generation.

4 ¶ I Nebuchadnezzar was quiet in my house and flourishing in my palace;

5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the imaginations and visions of my head troubled me in my bed.

6 Therefore I made a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me that they might show me the interpretation of the dream.

7 Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the fortune-tellers came in and I told the dream before them; but they never showed me its interpretation.

8 But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name is Belteshazzar, who when I name him it seems to me that I name my god, and in whom *is* the spirit of the holy God; and before him I told the dream, *saying*,

9 Belteshazzar, prince of the wise *men*, *now that* I have understood that the spirit of the holy God is in thee, and that no mystery is hidden from thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen and its interpretation.

10 Thus *were* the visions of my head in my bed: It seemed that I saw a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great.

11 The tree grew and made itself strong, and its height reached unto heaven, and its sight to the end of all the earth:

12 His leaves *were* fair, and his fruit abundant, and in him *was* food for all; underneath him the beasts of the field lay down in his shadow, and in his branches dwelt the fowls of the heaven, and all flesh was fed of him.

13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, one who was a watchman and holy descended from heaven;

14 he cried aloud and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit; let the beasts get away

from under him and the fowls from his branches:

15 nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and of brass shall he be bound in the green grass of the field; and let him be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

16 let his heart be changed from a man's heart, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.

17 By sentence of the watchmen is the matter *resolved*, and the case by the word of the holy ones to the intent that the living may know that the most High takes rule over the kingdom of men and gives it to whoever he will and sets up over it the man who is the lowest.

18 I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw this dream. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, shall declare its interpretation, forasmuch as all the wise *men* of my kingdom could never show me its interpretation; but thou *art* able, for the spirit of the holy God is in thee.

19 ¶ Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was silent for almost one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. *Then* the king spoke and said, Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, *let* the dream *be* to thine enemies, and its interpretation to those that wish thee evil.

20 The tree that thou didst see, which grew and made himself strong, whose height reached unto the heaven and the sight thereof to all the earth;

21 whose leaves *were* fair and his fruit abundant and in him *was* food for all, under whom the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the fowls of the heaven dwelt:

22 *it is* thou, O king, that grew and made thyself strong; for thy greatness has grown and has reached unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

23 And regarding that which the king saw, one who was a watchman and holy who came down from heaven and said, Hew the tree down and destroy it; yet leave the stump of its roots in the earth, and with a band of iron and of brass *let it remain bound* in the green grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts of the field until seven times pass over him:

24 *this is* the interpretation, O king, and *this is* the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

25 that they shall drive thee from among men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall feed thee with grass of the field as the oxen, and with the dew of heaven shalt thou be bathed, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou shalt understand that the most High takes rule over the kingdom of men and that he shall give it to whoever he will.

26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots in the earth; thy kingdom shall remain sure unto thee, that thou shalt understand that the rule *is* in the heavens.

27 Therefore, O king, approve my counsel and redeem thy sins with righteousness and thine iniquities with mercies unto the poor: behold the medicine for thy sin.

28 ¶ All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve months as he was walking upon the palace of the kingdom of Babylon,

30 the king spoke and said, Is this not the great Babylon that I have built for *the* house of the kingdom by the might of my power and for the glory of my greatness?

31 The word was yet in the king's mouth when there fell a voice from heaven, *saying*, O King Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee;

32 and they drive thee from among men, and thy dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field; and they shall feed thee as the oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee until thou know that the most High takes rule in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever he will.

33 The same hour the word was fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from among men and ate grass as the oxen, and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like eagles' *feathers* and his nails like birds' *claws*.

34 ¶ But at the end of the time I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up my eyes unto heaven, and my understanding was returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and glorified him that lives for ever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* through all ages:

35 and all the inhabitants of the earth *are* counted as nothing; and in the army of heaven and in the inhabitants of the earth, he does according to his will; nor is there anyone who can interfere with his hand and say unto him, What doest thou?

36 In the same time my reason was returned unto me, and I *turned* to the majesty of my kingdom; my dignity and greatness returned unto me; and my governors and my great *ones* sought me; and I was restored in my kingdom, and more *excellent* greatness was added unto me.

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and build up and glorify the King of heaven because all his works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and he is able to humble those that walk with arrogance.

Daniel 5

1 ¶ Belshazzar the king made a great banquet to a thousand of his lords, and against the thousand he drank wine.

2 Belshazzar, under the influence of the wine, commanded that they bring the vessels of gold and of silver which Nebuchadnezzar his father had brought from the temple of Jerusalem; that the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, might drink with them.

3 Then they brought the vessels of gold that they had brought from the temple of the house of God which *was* in Jerusalem; and the king and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank with them.

4 They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In that same hour some fingers of *a* man's hand came forth and wrote in front of the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the palm of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king became pale, and his thoughts troubled him, and the girdings of his loins were unloosed, and his knees smote one against another.

7 The king cried in *a* loud voice that they bring in the magicians, the Chaldeans, and the fortune-tellers. The king spoke and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whoever shall read this writing and show me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and *have* a chain of gold about his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

8 Then all the king's wise *men* came in, but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king its interpretation.

9 Then king Belshazzar was greatly troubled, and his colour was changed, and his princes were upset.

10 ¶ Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and of his princes, came into the banquet room. The queen spoke and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy *countenance* be pale.

11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom *lives* the spirit of the holy God; and in the days of thy father light and intelligence and wisdom, like the knowledge of God, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar, thy

father, made prince over all the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* fortune-tellers; *thus did* thy father, the king,

12 because Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, was found to have a more excellent spirit and greater knowledge and understanding interpreting dreams, unraveling questions, and dissolving doubts. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show *thee* the interpretation.

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. *And* the king spoke and said unto Daniel, *Art* thou that Daniel, who *art* of the sons of the captivity of Judah, whom my father brought out of Judea?

14 I have heard of thee, that the spirit of the holy God is in thee and *that* light and understanding and greater wisdom was found in thee.

15 And now the wise *men*, the astrologers, have been brought in before me that they should read this writing and make known unto me its interpretation, but they could not show the interpretation of the thing:

16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst declare that which is in doubt and unravel difficulties: now if thou canst read this writing and show me its interpretation, thou shalt be clothed with purple and *have* a chain of gold about thy neck and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be for thyself and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king and show him the interpretation.

18 O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father the kingdom and the greatness and the glory and the magnificence:

19 and by the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him; whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he humbled.

20 But when his heart made itself arrogant, and his spirit hardened itself in pride, he was deposed from the throne of his kingdom, and they took his glory from him:

21 and he was driven from among the sons of men; and his heart was put with the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses: they made him eat grass like an ox, and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven until he understood that the most high God takes rule of the kingdom of men and *that* he appoints over it whomever he will.

22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;

23 but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou and thy princes, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; furthermore, thou hast praised gods of silver and of gold, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone, which do not see, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand is thy soul and whose *are* all thy ways, thou hast never honoured.

24 Then from his presence was sent the palm of the hand that sculpted this writing.

25 And the writing that he sculpted is, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God has audited thy kingdom and finished it.

27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting.

28 PERES; Thy kingdom has been broken and is given to the Medes and Persians.

29 Then Belshazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with purple and *put* a chain of gold about his neck and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 ¶ That same night Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans was slain.

31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being sixty-two years old.

Daniel 6

1 ¶ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty governors who should be in all the kingdom;

2 and over these three presidents, of whom Daniel *was* first, that the governors might give accounts unto them, and the king should not be bothered.

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above these governors and presidents because an overabundance of *the* Spirit *was* in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole kingdom.

4 Then the presidents and governors looked for occasions against Daniel on behalf of the kingdom, but they could find no occasion or fault because he was faithful, and no vice nor fault was found in him.

5 Then these men said, We shall never find any occasion against this Daniel except we find *it* against him in the law of his God.

6 ¶ Then these governors and presidents assembled together before the king and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, magistrates, governors, great *ones*, and captains have agreed in common accord to promote a royal decree and to confirm it that whoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, except of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

8 Now, O king, confirm the decree and sign the writing that it not be moved, according to the law of Media and of Persia, which does not change.

9 Therefore King Darius signed the writing and the decree.

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he entered into his house; and with the windows open toward Jerusalem in his dining chamber, he knelt three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God as he was used to doing before.

11 ¶ Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 Then they went and spoke before the king concerning the royal decree; Hast thou not confirmed a decree that whoever shall ask *a petition* of any God or man within thirty days save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the

den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Media and Persia, which does not change.

13 Then they answered and said before the king, That Daniel, which *is* of the sons of the captivity of the Jews, has not regarded thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast confirmed, but makes his petition three times a day.

14 When the king, heard the matter, it weighed very heavy upon him, and *he* set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured until the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then those men assembled near the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that this is the law of Media and of Persia: No decree nor statute which the king has confirmed may be moved.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king, speaking unto Daniel, said, Thy God whom thou servest continually, *may* he deliver thee.

17 And a stone was brought and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet *ring* and with the signet *ring* of his princes that the agreement concerning Daniel might not be changed.

18 ¶ Then the king went to his palace and lay down without eating; neither were instruments of music brought before him, and his sleep fled from him.

19 Therefore, the king arose very early in the morning at dawn and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried loudly with a sad voice unto Daniel; *and* the king, in speaking to Daniel said, Daniel, servant of the living God, has thy God, whom thou servest continually, been able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then Daniel said unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God has sent his angel, who shut the lions' mouths, that they do me no evil because before him righteousness was found in me; and even before thee, O king, I have done no corruption.

23 Then the king was exceeding glad because of him and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury was found upon him because he believed in his God.

24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, *them*, their children, and

their wives; and even before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions had the mastery of them, and broke all their bones in pieces.

25 ¶ Then king Darius wrote unto all the peoples, nations, and tongues, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied unto you.

26 On my behalf a statute is put into effect, That in all the dominion of my kingdom everyone tremble at the presence of the God of Daniel for he *is* the living God and endures for all ages, and his kingdom *is such* that it shall never come apart, and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end:

27 that saves and frees, and makes signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

28 So this Daniel was prospered during the reign of Darius and during the reign of Cyrus, *the Persian*.

Daniel 7

1 ¶ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream *and* penned the sum of the matters.

2 Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven fought the great sea.

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, different one from another.

4 The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings; I beheld until its wings were plucked off, and it was removed from the earth, and it stood up on its feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And behold the second beast, like unto a bear, which went off to one side, and *it had* three ribs between its teeth; and thus was said unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and behold another, like a tiger, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; this beast also had four heads; and power was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold the fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and exceedingly strong; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and trod down that which was left with its feet; and it was very different from all the beasts that had been before her; and it had ten horns.

8 As I was considering the horns, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom three of the first horns were plucked up *by the roots*; and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking grand things.

9 ¶ I beheld until thrones were placed, and an Elder of great age did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool: his throne *a* flame of fire, his wheels burning fire.

10 A river of fire issued and came forth from before him; thousands of thousands served him, and ten thousands of ten thousands stood before him; the Judge sat down, and the books were opened.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke; I beheld *even* until the beast was slain and its body was undone and

given over to be burned in the fire.

12 They had also taken from the other beasts their rule because their lives had been prolonged until a certain time.

13 I saw in the vision of the night, and, behold, in the clouds of heaven like a Son of man that came and drew near unto the Elder of great age, and they brought him near before him.

14 And he gave him dominion and glory and kingdom; and all the peoples, nations, and tongues served him: his dominion is an eternal dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom such that it shall never be corrupted.

15 ¶ My spirit was troubled, I Daniel, in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head astonished me.

16 I came near unto one of those that stood by and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise in the earth.

18 And they shall take the kingdom of the Holy *One who is* most High and possess the kingdom until the age and until the age of the ages.

19 Then I had the desire to know the truth regarding the fourth beast, which was so different from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of brass; *which* devoured and broke in pieces and trod down that which was left with its feet;

20 also regarding the ten horns that *were* in its head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; and that same horn had eyes and a mouth that spoke very grand things, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

21 I saw that this horn made war against the saints and overcame them;

22 until such time as the Elder of great age came, and the judgment was given unto the saints of the most High; and the time came, and the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth king in earth, which shall be greater than all the other kingdoms and shall devour the whole earth and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns *signify* that of this kingdom ten kings shall arise; and another shall rise after them; and he shall be greater than the first *kings*, and he shall bring down three kings.

25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High and shall break down the saints of the most High and think to move the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand until *a* time and times and the half *or dividing* of a time.

26 And the Judge shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion to destroy and to cast out unto the end;

27 and that the kingdom and the dominion, and the majesty of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, be given to the holy people of the most High, His kingdom *shall be* an eternal kingdom, and all the dominions shall serve him and hear *him*.

28 Up unto here was the end of the word. I, Daniel, was very troubled in my thoughts, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the word in my heart.

Daniel 8

1 ¶ In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, Daniel, after that *vision* which had appeared unto me before.

2 And I saw in *the* vision; (and it came to pass, when I saw it, that I *was* at Shushan, which is *the* head of the kingdom in the province of Persia); so that I saw in that vision, being by the river of Ulai,

3 and I lifted up my eyes and saw, and, behold, a ram was standing before the river, which had two horns; and even though they were high, the one *was* higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.

4 I saw that the ram smote with the horns to the west, to the north, and to the south and that no beast could stand before him, nor could anyone escape from his hand; but he did according to his will and made himself great.

5 And as I was considering, behold, a he goat came from the west upon the face of the whole earth and did not touch the earth: and the goat *had* a notable horn between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram that had the two horns, which *I* had seen standing before the river and ran against him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he rose up against him and smote him, and broke his two horns: because the ram did not have the strength to stand before him; therefore he cast him down to the ground and trod him under; and there was no one to deliver the ram out of his hand.

8 And the he goat made himself very great, and when he was at his greatest strength, that great horn was broken; and in its place came up another four marvellous ones toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And out of the first of them came forth a little horn, which grew much toward the south and toward the east and toward the desirable *land*.

10 And it magnified itself unto the host of heaven, and it cast down *part* of the host and of the stars to the ground and trod them under.

11 Even *against* the prince of the host did he magnify himself, and by him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast to *the* earth.

12 And the host was given over by reason of the prevarication upon the daily *sacrifice*; and he cast the truth to the ground; and he did *whatever he would* and prospered.

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto the one which spoke, How long *shall* the vision of the daily *sacrifice last* and the prevarication of desolation that places *both* the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred *days of* evening and morning; then shall the sanctuary be justified.

15 ¶ And it came to pass, as I, Daniel, was considering the vision and seeking to understand it, behold, there stood before me the likeness of a man.

16 And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of the* Ulai, which called and said, Gabriel, teach this *man* the vision.

17 So he came near where I stood, and with his coming, I was afraid and fell upon my face; and he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time appointed *by God* the vision shall be fulfilled.

18 Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a *deep* sleep on the ground upon my face; and he touched me and changed my state.

19 And he said, Behold, I will show thee that *which* is to come in the last end of the wrath; for at the time appointed *this* shall be fulfilled.

20 The ram which thou didst see having *two* horns *are* the kings of Media and Persia.

21 And the he goat *is* the king of Grecia, and the great horn that he *had* between his eyes *is* the first king.

22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up in its place, *means that* four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his strength.

23 And at the end of their empire, when the prevaricators are come to the full, a king of arrogant countenance and expert in enigmas shall raise *himself* up.

24 And his power shall be strengthened, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy marvellously and shall prosper and do *according to his will* and shall destroy the mighty and the people of the saints.

25 And with his understanding he shall cause the deceit in his hand to prosper, and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace he shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes, and without hand he shall be broken.

26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is* true; therefore shut thou up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days.

27 And I Daniel was broken and was sick *certain* days; and after I rose up, I did the king's business; but I was astonished at the vision, and there was no one who could understand it.

Daniel 9

1 ¶ In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

2 in the first year of his reign, I Daniel saw diligently in the books the number of the years, of which the LORD spoke unto Jeremiah the prophet, which would conclude the desolation of Jerusalem in seventy years.

3 And I turned my face unto the Lord God, seeking him in prayer and supplication, in fasting and sackcloth, and ashes:

4 ¶ and I prayed unto the LORD my God and made my confession and said, Now O Lord, *thou* great God who is worthy to be feared, who keeps the covenant and the mercy with those that love thee and keep thy commandments;

5 we have sinned, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly, and we have been rebels, and we have departed from thy commandments and from thy judgments.

6 We have not hearkened unto thy slaves the prophets, who spoke in thy name to our kings and to our princes, to our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, the righteousness *belongs* unto thee, but unto us the confusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are* near and *that are* far off through all the lands where thou hast driven them because of their rebellion with which they have rebelled against thee.

8 O Lord, to us *belongs* confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

9 Of the Lord our God is *the ability* to have mercy and to forgive, even though we have rebelled against him

10 and have not listened to the voice of the LORD our God to walk by his laws, which he set before us by the hand of his slaves the prophets.

11 And all Israel transposed thy law, departing by not hearing thy voice; by which the curse has fallen upon us and the oath that *is* written in the law of Moses, the slave of God, because we have sinned against him.

12 And he has confirmed his words, which he spoke over us and over our judges that governed us, by bringing upon us such a great evil: that *such* has never been done under the whole heaven as has been done upon Jerusalem.

13 As *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us, and we never sought the face of the LORD our God, that we might be converted from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

14 And the LORD hastened upon the chastisement and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God *is* just in all his works which he has done, for we did not listen to his voice.

15 And now, O Lord our God, who hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and hast won for thyself a very clear name as appears unto this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and all thy people is given in reproach to all *that are* about us.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy slave and his supplications and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is made desolate, by the Lord.

18 O my God, incline thine ear and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee *confiding* in our righteousnesses, but in thy many mercies.

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

20 ¶ And whiles I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

21 I was even yet speaking in prayer, and that man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, flying swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening sacrifice.

22 And he caused me to understand and spoke with me and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to cause thee to understand the interpretation.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications, the word went forth, and I have come to teach it unto thee; for thou *art a man* greatly beloved: therefore understand the word, and understand the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are determined {Heb. Cut} upon thy people and upon thy holy city to finish the prevarication and to conclude the sin and to make reconciliation for iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness and seal the vision and the prophecy, and to anoint the holy of holies.

25 Know therefore and understand *that* from the going forth of the word to cause *the people* to return and to build Jerusalem unto the Anointed {Heb. Messiah} Prince, *there shall be* seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks, *while* the street shall be built again and the wall, *even* in troublous times.

26 And after the sixty-two weeks the Anointed *One* {Heb. Messiah} shall be killed and shall have nothing: (and the ruling people that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; whose end *shall be as* a flood, until at the end of the war it shall be cut off *with* desolation).

27 In one week (they are now seventy) he shall confirm the covenant by many: and at the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and because of the many abominations, desolation shall come, even until complete destruction shall be poured out upon the abominable *people*.

Daniel 10

1 ¶ In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia the Word was revealed unto Daniel, whose name *was called* Belteshazzar; and the Word *was* true, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood the Word, and had intelligence in the vision.

2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three weeks of days.

3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither did flesh nor wine come into my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all until the three weeks of days were fulfilled.

4 And in the twenty-fourth day of the first month as I was by the side of the great river, which *is* Hiddekel;

5 and lifting up my eyes, I saw, and behold a man clothed in linens, whose loins *were* girded with very pure gold:

6 his body *was* like the *stone of* Tarsis *turquoise*, and his face as a *bolt of* lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to brilliant brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of *an* army.

7 And only I, Daniel, saw that vision: for the men that were with me did not see the vision; but a great fear fell upon them, and they fled and hid themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me, for my strength was turned into dismay, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet I heard the voice of his words, and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I placed into a deep sleep on my face, and my face *was* toward the ground.

10 ¶ And, behold, a hand touched me and caused me to move upon my knees and *upon* the palms of my hands.

11 And he said unto me, Daniel, O man greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I shall speak unto thee, and stand up upon thy feet: for I am sent now unto thee. And as he was speaking this with me, I was trembling.

12 And he said unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst give thy heart to understand and to afflict thy soul before thy God, thy

words were heard, and I am come because of thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days: and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I am come to make thee know what shall befall thy people in the latter days, for there shall still *be* vision for *several* days.

15 And as he was speaking such words unto me, I looked toward the ground and became dumb.

16 And, behold, *one* like the similitude of *the* son of man touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said unto him that stood before me, O my Lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can the slave of my Lord talk with my Lord? for as for me, for in that instant I had no more strength in me, neither was there any breath left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me *one* like the appearance of a man, and he comforted me,

19 and said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace *be* unto thee, be of good cheer, and be well. And as he spoke unto me, I was strengthened and said, Let my Lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

20 Then said he, Knowest thou why I have come unto thee? Because now I must return to fight with the prince of the Persians; and when I am gone forth, next the prince of Grecia shall come.

21 But I will interpret unto thee that which is written in the scripture of truth: and *there is* no one that holds with me in these *things*, but Michael your prince.

Daniel 11

1 ¶ And in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood to encourage and to strengthen him.

2 And now will I show thee the truth. Behold, there shall yet be three kings in Persia, and the fourth shall obtain far greater riches than *they* all; and by his strengthening himself with his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

3 And a valiant king shall stand up, that shall rule over *a* great dominion and do according to his will.

4 But when he is reigning, his kingdom shall be broken and shall be divided by the four winds of heaven, and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion by which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

5 ¶ And the king of the south, {this Hebrew word is identified with the people of God} and of his principalities, shall make himself strong; and he shall exceed him and make himself powerful; his dominion *shall be* a great dominion.

6 But at the end of *some* years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement, but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm; for she shall be given up and those that brought her and he that begat her, and those that were for her in *this* time.

7 But of the new shoot from her roots shall *one* stand up upon his throne and shall come unto the army and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north and do in them *according to his will* and shall prevail:

8 and even their gods, with their princes, with their precious vessels of silver and of gold, shall be taken captive in Egypt; and for *some* years he shall maintain himself against the king of the north.

9 Thus shall the king of the south enter into the kingdom and return to his own land.

10 But the sons of that one shall be stirred up and shall assemble a multitude of great armies and shall come in great haste, and overflow and pass through and turn and come with wrath unto his fortress.

11 Therefore the king of the south shall become furious and shall come forth and fight with him *even* with the king of the north; and he shall put a great multitude into *the* field, but all that multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 Therefore the multitude shall be filled with pride, his heart shall be lifted up, and he shall cast down many thousands, but he shall not prevail.

13 And the king of the north shall put another multitude greater than the former in *the* field and at the end of a time of some years shall come in great haste with a great army and with much riches.

14 But in those times many shall stand up against the king of the south, and sons of robbers of thy people shall raise themselves up to establish the vision, but they shall fall.

15 So the king of the north shall come and cast up a mount and shall take the strong cities, and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be *any* fortress that can withstand.

16 And he that comes against him shall do according to his own will, and there shall be no one that can stand before him, and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

17 He shall then set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom and shall do upright things with him, and he shall give him a daughter of *his* women to persuade her, but she shall not stand, neither be for him.

18 After this he shall turn his face unto the isles and shall take many, but a prince shall cause him to cease his affront and shall even turn his reproach upon him.

19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall and not appear again.

20 Then shall succeed in his throne a taker of taxes *who shall be the* glory of the kingdom, but within few days he shall be broken, neither in anger, nor in battle.

21 ¶ And a vile *person* shall succeed in his place, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: nevertheless he shall come in with peace and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms they shall be overflowed of a flood before him and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

23 And after the union *made* with him he shall work deceit and shall rise and shall overcome with few people.

24 With the province in peace and in abundance, he shall enter and do *that* which his fathers have never done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall distribute prey and spoil and riches to his soldiers; and against the fortresses he shall forecast his devices, even for *a* time.

25 And he shall stir up his forces and his heart against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall move to the war with a great and mighty army, but he shall not prevail, for they shall betray him.

26 Even those that ate his bread shall break him, and his army shall be destroyed; and many shall fall down slain.

27 And the heart of both these kings *shall be* to do evil, and at the same table they shall speak lies; but it shall not prosper, for the time appointed is not yet come.

28 Then he shall return into his land with great riches; and his heart *shall be* against the holy covenant; and he shall do *exploits* and return to his own land.

29 At the time appointed he shall turn toward the south, but the latter *coming* shall not be as the former.

30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved and return and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return and have *an* understanding with those that have forsaken the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall be placed on his behalf, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that makes desolate.

32 And with flatteries he shall cause to sin those that violate the covenant, but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits*.

33 And the wise among the people shall give wisdom to many, yet they shall fall by the sword, and by fire, by captivity, and by spoil, for *some* days.

34 And in their fall, they shall be helped with a little help, but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And *some* of the wise shall fall to be purged and cleaned and made white, *even* to the time of the end because even for this *there is* time appointed.

36 And the king shall do according to his will, and he shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god and shall speak marvels against the God of gods and shall prosper until the indignation is accomplished, for the determination has been made.

37 Neither shall he care for the God of his fathers, nor the love of women, nor care for any god, for he shall magnify himself above all.

38 But in his place shall he honour the god of fortresses, {Ala Mahozim} a god whom his fathers did not know; he shall honour it with gold and silver and precious stones and with things of great price.

39 And with the *people of* the strange god that he shall know, he shall make strong fortresses, increase their glory; and cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

40 But at the end of the time the king of the south shall lock horns with him, and the king of the north shall raise up a storm against him with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships, and he shall enter into the lands and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall come to the glorious land, and many *provinces* shall fall, but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom and Moab and the first of the sons of Ammon.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand to the lands, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 And he shall take over the treasures of gold and of silver and of all the precious things of Egypt, of Libya, and Ethiopia where he passes.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and to kill many.

45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas, in the desirable mountain of the sanctuary; and he shall come to his end, and shall have no one to help him.

Daniel 12

1 ¶ And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who is for the sons of thy people, and it shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there were people until now, but in that time thy people shall escape, all those that are found written in the book.

2 And many of those that sleep in the dust of the earth shall be awakened, some for eternal life, and some for shame *and* everlasting confusion.

3 And those that understand shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and those that teach righteousness *to* the multitude as the stars in perpetual eternity.

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end: many shall pass by, and knowledge shall be multiplied.

5 ¶ Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, another two who stood, one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And *one* said to the Man clothed in linens, who *was* upon the waters of the river, When *shall be* the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the Man clothed in linens, who *was* upon the waters of the river, who raised his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by the living one in the ages that *it shall be* for *a* time, times, and a half; and when the scattering of the power of the holy people shall be finished, all these *things* shall be fulfilled.

8 And I heard, but I did not understand; then I said, O my Lord, what *is* the fulfillment of these things?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel, for these words *are* closed up and sealed until the time of the fulfillment.

10 Many shall be purified and made white and purged, but *the* wicked shall get worse; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

11 And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away until the abomination of desolation, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed *is* he that waits and comes unto one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

13 And thou shalt go to the end and shalt rest, and thou shalt raise up in thy lot {or in thine inheritance} at the end of the days.

The Prophecies of
Hosea

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Hosea 1

1 ¶ The word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

2 ¶ The beginning of the word of the LORD with Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land shall give itself over to whoredom *by* departing from the LORD.

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, who conceived and bore him a son.

4 And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little *while*, and I will visit the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease.

5 And it shall come to pass in that day that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

6 And she conceived again and bore a daughter. And *God* said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will never again have mercy upon the house of Israel, but I will utterly forget them.

7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah and will save them in the LORD their God and will not save them by bow, by sword, by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

8 ¶ And after she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.

9 Then said *God*, Call his name Loammi: for ye *are* not my people, and I will not be your *God*.

10 With all *this*, the number of the sons of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people, *there* it shall be said unto them, *Ye are* the sons of the living God.

11 And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel shall be congregated together, and they shall raise up for themselves one head, and they shall rise up from the land: for the day of Jezreel *is* great.

Hosea 2

1 ¶ Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.

2 Contend with your mother, contend: for she *is* not my wife, neither *am* I her husband: let her therefore remove her whoredoms from her face and her adulteries from between her breasts;

3 lest I strip her naked and set her as in the day that she was born and make her as a wilderness and set her like a dry land and slay her with thirst.

4 Neither will I have mercy upon her sons, for they *are* the sons of whoredoms.

5 For their mother has played the harlot; she that conceived them has been shamed; for she said, I will go after my lovers that give *me* my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.

6 ¶ Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns and make a wall that she shall not find her paths.

7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find *them*; then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband, for then *it was* better with me than now.

8 For she did not recognize that I gave her the wheat and the wine and the oil and multiplied unto them the silver and the gold, *with which* they made Baal.

9 Therefore I will return and take away my wheat in the time thereof and my wine in the season thereof and will recover my wool and my flax that I had given to cover her nakedness.

10 And now *I* will uncover her folly in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall deliver her out of my hand.

11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast, her new moon, and her sabbath, and all her festivities.

12 And I will cause her vine and her fig tree to be cut down, of which she has said, These *are* my wages that my lovers have given me; and I will reduce them to a thicket, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

13 And I will visit upon her the times of the Baals, unto whom she burned incense, and she adorned herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she

went after her lovers, oblivious of me, saith the LORD.

14 ¶ Therefore, behold, I will induce her and bring her into the wilderness and speak unto her heart.

15 And I will give her vineyards from there, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope; and she shall sing there as in the days of her youth and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

16 And it shall be in that time, saith the LORD, *that* thou shalt call me My Husband, and shalt no longer call me Baali.

17 For I will take away the names of Baals out of her mouth, and they shall no longer be remembered by their name.

18 And in that time I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of the heaven and *with* the serpents of the earth; and I will break *the* bow and *the* sword and *the* battle of the earth and will cause them to sleep safely.

19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness and in judgment and in mercy.

20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faith: and thou shalt know the LORD.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will respond, saith the LORD, I will respond to the heavens, and they shall respond to the earth;

22 and the earth shall respond to the wheat and the wine and the oil; and they shall respond to Jezreel.

23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon Loruhamah, {her that had not obtained mercy} and I will say to Loammi, {those who were not my people} Thou *art* my people; and he shall say, *Thou art* my God.

Hosea 3

1 ¶ Then the LORD said unto me again, Go, love a woman beloved of *her* friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the sons of Israel, who look to other gods and love flagons of wine.

2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen *pieces* of silver and an homer and a half of barley:

3 and I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for *another* man: so *will* I also *be* for thee.

4 For the sons of Israel shall abide many days without king and without Lord and without sacrifice and without image, and without ephod and *without* teraphim;

5 afterward the sons of Israel shall return, and they shall seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the end of the days.

Hosea 4

1 ¶ Hear *the* word of the LORD, ye sons of Israel; for the LORD contends with the inhabitants of the land because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the earth.

2 By swearing and lying and murdering and stealing and committing adultery, they prevailed, and blood touches blood.

3 Therefore the earth shall mourn, and every one that dwells therein shall be cut off, with the beasts of the field and the fowls of heaven; and even the fishes of the sea shall be caught.

4 Certainly man *does* not contend *with* nor reprehend man; for thy people *are* as those that resist the priest.

5 Therefore thou shalt fall in the day, and the prophet shall also fall with thee by night, and I will cut off thy mother.

6 ¶ My people were cut off because they lacked wisdom; because thou hast rejected wisdom, I will cast thee out of the priesthood; *seeing* thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy sons.

7 According to their greatness, so did they sin against me; *therefore* I will change their honour into shame.

8 They eat up the sin of my people, and in their iniquity they raise up their soul.

9 The people shall become like the priest; and I will visit his ways upon him, and they shall reward him according to his doings.

10 For they shall eat and not be satisfied; they shall commit whoredom and shall not increase because they have quit showing hospitality unto the LORD.

11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

12 ¶ My people ask counsel of their wooden *idol*, and their stick declares unto them; for the spirit of whoredoms has caused *them* to err, and they have gone a whoring under their gods.

13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, that had good shade; therefore your

daughters shall commit whoredom, and your daughters-in-law shall commit adultery.

14 I will not visit upon your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor upon your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery: for they offer with whores, and they sacrifice with *cult* prostitutes; therefore the people without understanding shall fall.

15 Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah be guilty; and do not come unto Gilgal, neither go up to Bethaven, nor swear, The LORD lives,

16 for Israel has turned away as a wild heifer; shall the LORD now feed them as rams in a large place?

17 Ephraim *is* given over to idols; leave him.

18 Their drink has become corrupted; they have committed whoredom continually; her princes love gifts, shamefully.

19 The wind has bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

Hosea 5

1 ¶ Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ear, O house of the king because the judgment *is* for you, for ye have been a snare in Mizpah and a net spread over Tabor.

2 And in killing sacrifices ye have descended into the depths; therefore, I *shall be* the correction of them all.

3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me; for now, O Ephraim, thou dost commit whoredom, *and* Israel is defiled.

4 They will not think about returning unto their God; for the spirit of whoredoms *is* in the midst of them, and they do not know the LORD.

5 And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore Israel and Ephraim shall fall in their iniquity; Judah shall also fall with them.

6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds seeking the LORD; but they shall not find *him*; he has withdrawn himself from them.

7 They have rebelled against the LORD; for they have begotten strange sons; now a month shall devour them with their portions.

8 ¶ Blow ye the shofar in Gibeah *and* the trumpet in Ramah; sound the drum in Bethaven; after thee, O Benjamin.

9 Ephraim shall be made desolate *in* the day of chastisement; in the tribes of Israel I made known *my* truth.

10 The princes of Judah were like those that move the boundaries; *therefore* I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.

11 Ephraim *is* oppressed *and* broken in judgment because he wanted to walk after commandments.

12 Therefore I *will be* unto Ephraim as a moth and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

13 And Ephraim shall see his sickness and Judah his wound; *then* Ephraim shall go to the Assyrian and shall send to King Jareb; yet he shall not be able to heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

14 For I *will be* unto Ephraim as a lion and as a young lion to the house of Judah; I, *even* I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and there shall be no one *left* to escape.

15 I will go *and* return to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face; in their affliction they will seek me early.

Hosea 6

1 ¶ Come, and let us return unto the LORD; for he has torn, and he will heal us; he has smitten, and he will bind us up.

2 After two days he shall give us life: in the third day he will resurrect us, and we shall live in his sight.

3 And we shall know and follow on in knowing the LORD; his going forth is prepared as the dawn; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.

4 ¶ O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? Your mercy is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goes away.

5 Therefore I have hewed *them* by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: that thy righteousness *be* as the light *that* goes forth.

6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

7 But they have transposed the covenant as of men: there they have rebelled against me.

8 Gilead *is* a city of those that work iniquity *and is* polluted with blood.

9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the council of priests murder in the way by common accord; for they put the abomination into effect.

10 I saw uncleanness in the house of Israel: there Ephraim played the harlot, Israel defiled herself.

11 Also, Judah placed *a* plant in thee when I had turned the captivity of my people.

Hosea 7

1 ¶ When I was healing Israel, the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria; for they worked deceit; and the thief comes in, *and* the troop of robbers spoils without.

2 And they do not consider in their hearts *that* I remember all their wickedness; now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.

3 They make the king glad with their wickedness and the princes with their lies.

4 They *are* all adulterers as an oven heated by the baker *who* shall cease from waking after he has kneaded the dough until it is leavened.

5 In the day of our king the princes have made *him* sick with *a* wineskin; he stretched out his hand with the scorners.

6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven while they lie in wait; their baker sleeps all night; in the morning it burns as a flaming fire.

7 They are all hot as an oven and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen; *there is* no one among them that calls unto me.

8 ¶ Ephraim, he has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he does not know *it*; yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he does not understand.

10 And the pride of Israel shall testify to his face, and they have not returned to the LORD their God, nor have they sought him with all this.

11 Ephraim also was like a deceived dove, without understanding; they shall call to Egypt, they shall go to Assyria.

12 When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them according to what has been heard in their congregations.

13 Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction upon them! because they have rebelled against me; *though* I have ransomed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart when they howled upon their beds; they congregated themselves for the wheat and the wine, *and* they rebelled against me.

15 Though I have bound *and* strengthened their arms, yet they imagine evil against me.

16 They returned, *but* not to the most High; they were like a deceitful bow; their princes fell by the sword for the arrogance of their tongue; this *shall be* their derision in the land of Egypt.

Hosea 8

1 ¶ Set the shofar to thy mouth. *He shall come* as an eagle against the house of the LORD because they have transgressed my covenant and rebelled against my law.

2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we have known thee.

3 Israel has cast off the good; the enemy shall pursue him.

4 They have reigned, but not by me; they have made dominion, and I knew *it* not; of their silver and their gold they have made themselves idols that they may be cut off.

5 Thy calf, O Samaria, has cast *thee* off; my anger has been kindled against them until they could no longer be absolved.

6 For it is of Israel; and *a* workman made it who is not God: because the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind; they shall have no harvest; the fruit shall yield no meal: if so be it yields, the strangers shall swallow it up.

8 ¶ Israel shall be swallowed up; soon they shall be among the Gentiles as a vessel in which *there is* no pleasure.

9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass *thinking* only of himself; Ephraim has hired lovers.

10 Even though they hire the Gentiles, now I will gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king and of the princes.

11 Because Ephraim has multiplied altars for sin, the altars shall be a sin unto him.

12 I have written to him the great things of my law, *but* they were counted as strange things.

13 In the sacrifices of my gifts they sacrificed flesh and ate; *but* the LORD does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity and visit their sins; they shall return to Egypt.

14 For Israel has forgotten his Maker and has built temples; and Judah has multiplied fenced cities; but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

Hosea 9

1 ¶ Do not rejoice, O Israel, for joy, as the peoples; for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved the *salary of a harlot* upon every threshing floor.

2 The threshing floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not remain in the land of the LORD; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt and to Assyria where they shall eat unclean food.

4 They shall not pour out wine unto the LORD, neither shall he take pleasure in their sacrifices; as the bread of mourners *shall they be* unto them; all that eat thereof shall be polluted; for their bread shall not enter into the house of the LORD because of their soul.

5 What will ye do in the solemn day, and *in* the day of the feast of the LORD?

6 For, behold, they have left because of the destruction; Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: nettles shall possess in inheritance that which is desirable of their silver; thorns *shall grow up* in their dwellings.

7 ¶ The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Israel shall know *it*; the prophet *is* a fool, the spiritual man *is* a fool, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and *the* great hatred.

8 The watchman of Ephraim regarding my God, the prophet, *is* a snare of a fowler in all his ways, hatred in the house of his God.

9 They have arrived at the depths, they have corrupted *themselves* as in the days of Gibeah; *therefore* he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sin.

10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the early fruit of the fig tree in her beginning; *but* they went in unto Baalpeor and separated themselves unto shame and made themselves as abominable as that which they loved.

11 ¶ *As for* Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth even from the womb and from the conception.

12 Though they bring up their sons, yet I will bereave them, *that there shall not be* a man *left*; yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!

13 Ephraim, as I saw Tyre, *is* planted in a pleasant place; but Ephraim shall bring forth his sons to the murderer.

14 Give them, O LORD, that which thou must give them; give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

15 All their wickedness *was* in Gilgal, for there I took a dislike to them; for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of my house, I will never love them again: all their princes *are* disloyal.

16 Ephraim was smitten, their root is dried up; they shall bear no more fruit; even though they bring forth, yet I will slay *even* the desirable *fruit* of their womb.

17 My God will cast them away because they did not hearken unto him; and they shall be wanderers among the Gentiles.

Hosea 10

1 ¶ Israel *is* an empty vine. Shall he bring forth fruit unto himself? According to the multiplication of his fruit he has multiplied altars; according to the goodness of his land they have bettered their statues.

2 Their heart has wandered; now they shall be found guilty: he shall break down their altars, he shall destroy their statues.

3 For now they shall say, We have no king, because we did not fear the LORD; what then should a king do to us?

4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment shall spring up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Bethaven: for the people thereof shall mourn because of the calf, and the religious *persons* thereof *that* rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, which shall be made to vanish away.

6 It shall be also carried unto Assyria *for* a present to King Jareb: Ephraim shall be ashamed, and Israel shall be confused at his own counsel.

7 *As for* Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the surface of the waters.

8 And the altars of Aven shall be destroyed, the sin of Israel: the thorn and the thistle shall grow upon their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

9 ¶ O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah; there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the sons of iniquity did not overtake them.

10 And I shall chastise them as I desire; and *the* peoples shall gather themselves over them, when they shall be bound in their two furrows.

11 Ephraim *is* a heifer *that is* taught *and* loves to tread out *the wheat*; but I shall pass over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to draw; Judah shall plow, *and* Jacob shall break his clods.

12 Sow yourselves unto righteousness, reap yourselves unto mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* the time to seek the LORD until he comes and teaches you righteousness.

13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye shall eat the fruit of lies because thou didst trust in thy way *and* in the multitude of thy mighty men.

14 Therefore, in thy peoples a tumult shall arise, and all thy fortresses shall be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Betharbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* sons.

15 So shall Bethel do unto you because of your great wickedness; in the morning the king of Israel shall utterly be cut off.

Hosea 11

1 ¶ When Israel *was* a boy, *I* loved him and called my son out of Egypt.

2 As they called them, so they went from them; they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

3 Even with all this *I* guided the feet of *this* same Ephraim, taking them by their arms; but they did not know that *I* cared for them.

4 *I* drew them with human cords, with bands of love, and *I* was to them as those that raise the yoke from upon their cheeks, and *I* fed them.

5 He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king because they refused to be converted.

6 And the sword shall fall upon his cities and shall consume his villages and devour *them* because of their own counsels.

7 Meanwhile, my people adhere to the rebellion against me though they call unto me upon High; absolutely none at all wish to exalt me.

8 ¶ How must *I* leave thee, Ephraim? *how* shall *I* give thee up, Israel? how could *I* make thee as Admah? nor set thee as Zeboim? my heart churns within me; all my compassion is inflamed.

9 *I* will not execute the fierceness of my anger; *I* will not return to destroy Ephraim; for *I am* God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee; and *I* will not enter into the city.

10 They shall walk after the LORD; he shall roar like a lion; when he shall roar, then the sons shall come trembling from the west.

11 As a bird they shall move speedily out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria; and *I* will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.

12 Ephraim compasses me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit; but Judah yet rules with God and is faithful with the saints.

Hosea 12

1 ¶ Ephraim feeds on wind and follows after the east wind; he daily increases lies and desolation because they made a covenant with the Assyrians, and *the* oil is carried into Egypt.

2 The LORD also has a controversy with Judah to visit Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and with his strength he overcame the angel;

4 *yea*, he dominated the angel and prevailed; he wept and made supplication unto him; he found him *in* Bethel, and there he spoke with us;

5 but the LORD is God of the hosts; the LORD *is* his memorial.

6 Therefore be thou converted unto thy God; keep mercy and judgment, and in thy God wait continually.

7 ¶ *He is* a merchant who has the balances of deceit in his hand; he loves to oppress.

8 And Ephraim said, Surely I have become rich, I have found riches for myself; no one shall find iniquity in me, nor sin in all my labours.

9 But I *am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt; I will yet make thee to dwell in tents as in the days of the solemn feast.

10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the hand of the prophets.

11 Is Gilead iniquity? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; *yea*, their altars *are* as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

12 But Jacob fled into the land of Aram, and Israel served for *his* wife, and for *his* wife he was a pastor.

13 And by *a* prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by *a* prophet he was preserved.

14 Ephraim provoked *God* to anger with bitterness: therefore his blood shall be spilled upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord repay unto him.

Hosea 13

1 ¶ When Ephraim spoke *everyone* feared, he was exalted in Israel; but he was found guilty in Baal and died.

2 And now they sin more and more, and of their silver they have made molten images according to their own intelligence, idols, all of it the work of the craftsmen; they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves.

3 Therefore they shall be as the morning mist and as the early dew that passes away, as the chaff *that* is driven with the whirlwind out of the threshing floor and as the smoke out of the chimney.

4 Yet I *am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt; therefore thou shalt know no God other than me, nor any other saviour but me.

5 ¶ I knew thee in the wilderness, in the dry land.

6 In their pastures, they filled themselves; they were satisfied, and their heart was exalted; for this reason they have forgotten me.

7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion; as a tiger in the way I will observe *them*:

8 I will meet them as a bear *that is* bereaved of *her whelps* and will rend the veil of their heart, and there I will devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them apart.

9 ¶ O Israel, thou hast caused thyself to become lost, but in me *is* thine help.

10 Where is thy king, that may save thee with all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou didst say, Give me a king and princes?

11 I gave thee a king in my anger and took *him* away in my wrath.

12 The iniquity of Ephraim *is* bound up; his sin *is* hid.

13 The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him; he *is* an unwise son; for a long time now he should not have stopped short at the very breaking forth of birth.

14 I will ransom them from the power of Sheol; I will redeem them from death; O death, I will be thy end; O Sheol, I will be thy destruction. Repentance shall be hid from my eyes.

15 Though he be fruitful among *his* brethren, the east wind shall come; the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up; he shall spoil the treasure of all the vessels of desire.

16 Samaria shall be condemned; for she has rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword; their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped open.

Hosea 14

1 ¶ O Israel, become converted unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

2 Take with you words, and be converted unto the LORD; say unto him, Take away all iniquity and receive *us* graciously, so will we render the calves of our lips.

3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses, neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods, for in thee the fatherless finds mercy.

4 ¶ I will heal their rebellion; I will love them freely; for my anger is turned away from them.

5 I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall flourish as the lily and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

6 His branches shall spread, and his glory shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

7 Those that shall sit under his shadow shall return; they shall be given life *as the* wheat, and they shall flourish as the vine; the scent thereof *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon.

8 ¶ Ephraim *shall then say*, What have I to do any more with idols? I will hear *him* and gaze upon him; I *will be unto him* like a green fir tree; of me shall thy fruit be found.

9 Who *is* wise that he might understand this? and prudent that he might know this? for the ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall walk in them; but the rebellious shall fall therein.

The Prophecy of
Joel

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Joel 1

1 ¶ The word of the LORD that went to Joel the son of Pethuel.

2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the earth. Has this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

3 Tell your sons of it, and *let* your sons *tell* their sons, and their sons another generation.

4 That which the palmerworm has left the locust has eaten; and that which the locust has left the cankerworm has eaten; and that which the cankerworm has left the caterpillar has eaten.

5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

6 For a people has come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he has the molars of a *great* lion.

7 He has laid my vine waste and barked my fig tree: he has made it clean bare and cast *it* away; its branches are made white.

8 ¶ Lament like a young woman girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

9 The grain offering and the drink offering of the house of the LORD has perished; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.

10 The field was destroyed, the land mourns; for the wheat was destroyed; the new wine was dried up, the oil perished.

11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is lost.

12 The vine has dried up, and the fig tree has perished; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, *even* all the trees of the field, have withered: therefore joy has withered away from the sons of men.

13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the present and the drink offering is taken away from the house of your God.

14 ¶ Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders *and* all the inhabitants of the earth *into* the house of the LORD your God and cry unto the LORD.

15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD *is* at hand, and it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

16 Is not the food cut off before our eyes, the joy and the gladness from the house of our God?

17 The seed has rotted under their clods, the storehouses were laid desolate, the barns were destroyed for the wheat is withered.

18 How the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed because they have no pasture; the flocks of sheep are condemned.

19 O LORD, to thee will I cry for *the* fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and *the* flame has burned all the trees of the field.

20 The beasts of the field also cry unto thee for the rivers of waters are dried up, and *the* fire has devoured the meadows of the wilderness.

Joel 2

1 ¶ Blow the shofar in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the earth tremble for the day of the LORD comes, for *it is* near at hand;

2 a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of shadow that spreads itself upon the mountains as the dawn: a people great and strong; there has not ever been the like, neither shall *there* be any more after him, *even* to the years of many generations.

3 A fire devours before him and behind him a flame burns: the earth *is* as the garden of Eden before him, and behind him a desolate wilderness; neither shall anyone escape him.

4 His appearance *is* as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

5 Like the thunder of chariots they shall leap over the tops of mountains, like the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before him the peoples shall fear: all faces shall go pale.

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war, and they shall march each one in his ways, and they shall not break his ranks.

8 No one shall crowd his companion; they shall walk each one in his path: and *even* falling upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

9 They shall go through the city; they shall run upon the wall; they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth shall quake before him; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall go dark; and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

11 and the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for many are his camps and strong, that execute his word; for the day of the LORD *is* great, and very terrible; and who can abide it?

12 ¶ Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn unto me with all your heart and with fasting and with weeping, and with mourning:

13 and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God for he *is* gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and great in mercy, and he does repent of chastisement.

14 Who knows *if* he will return and repent and leave a blessing behind him *even* a present and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

15 Blow the shofar in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

16 gather the people, sanctify the meeting, assemble the elders, gather the children and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber and the bride out of her closet.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Forgive thy people, O LORD, and do not give thine heritage to reproach that the Gentiles should rule over her: why should they say among the peoples, Where *is* their God?

18 ¶ Then the LORD will be jealous for his earth and forgive his people.

19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you bread and new wine and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no longer make you a reproach among the Gentiles:

20 But I will remove far off from you he of the north *wind* and will drive him into a land barren and desolate; his face shall be toward the east sea, and his end unto the western sea, and he shall exhale his foul odour, and he shall decompose, because he has lifted himself up.

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD has done great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye animals of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness shall become green again, for the trees shall bear their fruit, the fig tree and the vine shall give their fruits.

23 Ye also, sons of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God for he has given you the former rain according to righteousness, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain *as* in the beginning.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the caterpillar has eaten, the locust, and the cankerworm, and the palmerworm, my great army which I

sent among you.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God that has dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never again be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel and *that* I *am* the LORD your God, and *there is* none other; and my people shall never be ashamed.

28 ¶ And it shall come to pass after this *that* I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 and even upon the slaves and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

30 And I will show wonders in the heaven and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and the terrible day of the LORD comes.

32 And it shall come to pass *that* whoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall escape: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be salvation, as the LORD has said, and in those who are left, to whom the LORD shall have called.

Joel 3

1 ¶ For, behold, in those days and in that time when I shall cause the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem to end,

2 I will gather together all the Gentiles, and will cause them to descend into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and there I will enter into judgment with them because of my people and of my heritage Israel, whom they scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

3 And they have cast lots for my people and have given a boy for a harlot and sold a girl for wine that they might drink.

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Philistia? will ye render me a recompense? and if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily I will return your recompense upon your own head;

5 because ye have taken my silver and my gold and have carried into your temples my precious and beautiful things

6 and ye have sold the sons of Judah and the sons of Jerusalem unto the Grecians that ye might remove them far from their border.

7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place where ye have sold them and will return your recompense upon your own head:

8 and I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD has spoken *it*.

9 ¶ Proclaim this among the Gentiles: Prepare war; wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

10 beat your plowshares into swords and your pruninghooks into spears; let the weak say, I *am* strong.

11 Assemble yourselves and come, all ye Gentiles, and gather yourselves together round about; there cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

12 Let the Gentiles be wakened and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat for there I will sit to judge all the Gentiles round about.

13 Put in the sickle for the harvest is ripe; come, go down for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the LORD *will be* the hope of his people and the strength of the sons of Israel.

17 So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God, that I inhabit Zion, the mountain of my holiness: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and no strangers shall pass through her any more.

18 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD and shall water the valley of Shittim.

19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the sons of Judah because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 But Judah shall dwell for ever; and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21 For I will cleanse the blood *of those whom* I have not cleansed; for the LORD dwells in Zion.

The Prophet
Amos

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Amos 1

1 ¶ The words of Amos, who was among the pastors of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2 And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the pastors shall be destroyed, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

3 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said: For three transgressions of Damascus and for the fourth, I will not convert her because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron.

4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad.

5 I will also break the bar of Damascus and cut off the inhabitants of the plain of Aven and him that holds the sceptre from the house of Eden; and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir.

6 Thus hath the LORD said: For three transgressions of Gaza and for the fourth, I will not convert her because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom:

7 but I will send a fire in the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

8 And I will cut off the inhabitants of Ashdod and him that holds the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn my hand against Ekron; and the remnant of the Palestinians shall perish, said the Lord GOD.

9 Thus hath the LORD said: For three transgressions of Tyre and for the fourth, I will not convert her because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom and did not remember the brotherly covenant;

10 but I will send fire in the wall of Tyre, which shall devour its palaces.

11 Thus hath the LORD said: For three transgressions of Edom and for the fourth, I will not convert her because she pursued her brother with the sword and cast off all mercy, and with her anger she stole from him perpetually, and she kept her wrath for ever:

12 but I will send fire in Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

13 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the sons of Ammon and for the fourth, I will not convert her because they have ripped off the mountains of Gilead that they might enlarge their border:

14 but I will kindle fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof *as* with shouting in the day of battle, *as* with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind;

15 and their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, said the LORD.

Amos 2

1 ¶ Thus hath the LORD said: For three transgressions of Moab and for the fourth, I will not convert her because she burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime;

2 but I will send fire in Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; and Moab shall die in tumult, with shouting *and* with the sound of the shofar:

3 and I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof and will slay all the princes thereof with him, said the LORD.

4 Thus hath the LORD said: For three transgressions of Judah and for the fourth, I will not convert her because they have despised the law of the LORD and have not kept his statutes, and their lies caused them to err after which their fathers have walked:

5 but I will send fire in Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

6 Thus hath the LORD said: For three transgressions of Israel and for the fourth, I will not convert her because they sold the righteous for silver and the poor for a pair of shoes,

7 desiring that there be dust of the earth upon the head of the poor, and to twist the way of the humble: and the man and his father have gone in unto the *same* maid, profaning my holy name:

8 and they lay *themselves* down upon clothes laid to pledge by any altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned *in* the house of their god.

9 ¶ Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height *was* like the height of the cedars, and he *was* strong as an oak; yet I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath.

10 Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt and led you forty years through the wilderness that you might possess the land of the Amorite.

11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets and of your young men for Nazarites. *Is it* not even thus, O ye sons of Israel? said the LORD.

12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, Do not prophesy.

13 Behold, I will press you in your place, as a cart is pressed *that is* full of sheaves.

14 Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver his soul:

15 neither shall he that handles the bow stand; and *he that is* swift of foot shall not escape: neither shall he that rides the horse save his life.

16 And *he that is* strong among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, said the LORD.

Amos 3

1 ¶ Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O sons of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,
2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore, I will visit all your iniquities against you.

3 Can two walk together except they be agreed?

4 Will a lion roar in the forest when he has no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den if he has taken nothing?

5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth without a fowler? Shall the snare rise up from the earth and have taken nothing at all?

6 Shall the shofar be blown in the city and the people not be afraid? Shall there be any evil in the city which the LORD has not done?

7 Because the Lord GOD will do nothing unless he reveals his secret to his slaves the prophets.

8 The lion has roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD has spoken, who can but prophesy?

9 ¶ Publish upon the palaces of Ashdod and upon the palaces of the land of Egypt and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria and behold the great oppression in the midst thereof and the *great* violence in the midst thereof.

10 For they do not know to do right, said the LORD, storing up violence and robbery in their palaces.

11 Therefore thus said the Lord GOD: An adversary *there shall be* even round about the land, and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.

12 Thus hath the LORD said: As the pastor takes out of the mouth of the lion two legs or a piece of an ear, so shall the sons of Israel escape that dwell in Samaria in the corner of the bed and at the border of the couch.

13 Hear ye, and protest in the house of Jacob, said the Lord GOD, the God of the hosts,

14 that in the day that I shall visit the rebellions of Israel upon him, I will also visit upon the altars of Bethel, and the horns of the altar shall be cut off

and fall to the ground.

15 And I will smite the winter house with the summer house, and the houses of ivory shall perish, and many houses shall be cut off, said the LORD.

Amos 4

1 ¶ Hear this word, ye cows of Bashan, that *are* in the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

2 The Lord GOD has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days shall come upon you that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity in fishing boats.

3 And ye shall go forth by the breaches one after another, and ye shall be cast out of the palace, saith the LORD.

4 Go to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal increase the rebellion; and bring your sacrifices early *in the morning and* your tithes every three years:

5 and offer a sacrifice of praise with leaven, and proclaim *and* publish the free *will* offerings for this is the way you like it, O ye sons of Israel, said the Lord GOD.

6 ¶ I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities and want of bread in all your places: yet ye have not returned unto me, said the LORD.

7 And also I have withheld the rain from you when *there were* yet three months to the harvest, and I caused it to rain upon one city and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece upon which it did not rain withered.

8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city to drink water, but they were not satisfied, yet ye have not returned unto me, said the LORD.

9 I have smitten you with *the* east wind and with *the* caterpillar; your many gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees were devoured by the locust; yet ye have never returned unto me, said the LORD.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence in the way to Egypt; your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils; and ye never returned unto me, said the LORD.

11 I have overthrown *some* of you as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the fire; and ye never returned unto me, said the LORD.

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel; *and* because I must do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

13 For, behold, he that forms the mountains and creates the wind and declares unto man what *is* his thought, that makes the darkness into morning and treads above the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of the hosts, *is* his name.

Amos 5

1 ¶ Hear ye this word, because I raise up a lamentation upon you, O house of Israel.

2 The virgin of Israel has fallen; she shall not be able to rise again: she was forsaken upon her land; *there is* no one to raise her up.

3 For thus hath the Lord GOD said: The city that sent out a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which sent forth a hundred shall have ten, in the house of Israel.

4 ¶ But thus hath the LORD said unto the house of Israel, Seek me, and ye shall live:

5 but do not seek Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and do not pass to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought.

6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph and devour *it*, and *there be* no one to quench *it* in Bethel.

7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood and leave off *doing* righteousness in the earth,

8 look unto him that makes the seven stars and Orion and turns the shadow of death into the morning and makes the day dark with night, that calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name;

9 that strengthens the spoiler against the strong, so that the spoiler shall come against the fortress.

10 They hate him that rebukes in the gate, and they abhor him that speaks uprightly.

11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading *is* upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat, ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

12 For I have known of your many rebellions and your great sins that afflict the just and take a ransom and turn aside the poor in the gate *from their right*.

13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time, for it *is* an evil time.

14 Seek that which is good, and not that which is evil that ye may live; and so the LORD, the God of the hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

15 Hate the evil and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate; it may be that the LORD God of the hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

16 ¶ Therefore the LORD, *the* God of the hosts, the Lord, said this: Wailing *shall be* in all streets, and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.

17 And in all vineyards *shall be* wailing, for I will pass through the midst of thee, said the LORD.

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *shall be* darkness, and not light.

19 As if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall and a serpent bit him.

20 *Shall* not the day of the LORD *be* darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

21 ¶ I hate, I despise your solemnities, and I will not savour your assemblies.

22 Though ye offer me *your* burnt offerings and your presents, I will not accept *them*; neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23 Take away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy instruments.

24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

25 Did you perchance offer me any sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness in forty years, O house of Israel?

26 But ye have offered unto Sicut your king, and unto Chiun your idols, the star of your gods which ye made.

27 Therefore I will cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, said the LORD, whose name *is* The God of the hosts.

Amos 6

1 ¶ Woe unto those *that are* at ease in Zion and to those that trust in the mountain of Samaria, *who are* named principals among the same nations which shall come upon them, O house of Israel!

2 Pass unto Calneh and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Palestinians. *Are they* better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

3 Ye that put far away the evil day and cause the seat of violence to come near;

4 that lie upon beds of ivory and stretch themselves upon their couches and eat the lambs out of the flock and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

5 that chant to the sound of the flute *and* invent to themselves instruments of music, like David;

6 that drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments, but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7 Therefore now they shall go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of those that stretched themselves *upon their couches* shall be removed.

8 ¶ The Lord GOD has sworn by himself, the LORD God of the hosts said, I abhor the grandeur of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore I will give the city with all that is therein over to the enemy.

9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die.

10 And their uncle shall take each one and burn them to bring out the bones out of the house and shall say unto him that *is* by the sides of the house, *Is there yet any* with thee? and he shall say, No. Then he shall say, Hold thy tongue, for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.

11 For, behold, the LORD shall command, and he will smite the great house with breaches and the little house with clefts.

12 Shall horses run upon the rocks? will *one* plow *there* with oxen? why have ye turned judgment into hemlock, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood?

13 Ye who rejoice in a thing of nought, who say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?

14 But, behold, I will raise up against you Gentiles, O house of Israel, said the LORD God of the hosts, and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.

Amos 7

1 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD showed unto me, and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter hay; and, behold that the latter *hay grew* after the king's reapings.

2 And it came to pass *that* when they had come to an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee; who shall lift up Jacob? for he *is* small.

3 The LORD repented of this; It shall not be, said the LORD.

4 *Afterward* the Lord GOD showed me this: And, behold, the Lord GOD called to judge by fire, and it devoured the great deep and ate up the inheritance.

5 Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee; who shall raise up Jacob? for he *is* small.

6 The LORD repented of this: This also shall not be, said the Lord GOD.

7 Thus he showed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

8 And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass over them any more:

9 And the altars of Isaac shall be destroyed, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise upon the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10 ¶ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos has conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus hath Amos said, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

12 And Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and eat thy bread there, and prophesy there:

13 but do not prophesy any more in Bethel: for it *is* the king's sanctuary, and the head of the kingdom.

14 Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, I am not a prophet, neither am I a prophet's son, but I am a herdsman and a gatherer of sycamore fruit:

15 and the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

16 Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Do not prophesy against Israel and do not drop *thy word* against the house of Isaac.

17 Therefore thus hath the LORD said; Thy wife shall be a harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by lots; and thou shalt die in a polluted land; and Israel shall surely go into captivity from his land.

Amos 8

1 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD showed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit.

2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass over them any more.

3 And the cantors of the temple shall howl in that day, said the Lord GOD; *there shall be* many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast *them* forth with silence.

4 ¶ Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, and cut off the poor of the land,

5 saying, When the month is over, we will sell the wheat; and after the sabbath day we will open *the storehouse* of bread, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit;

6 that we may buy the poor for money and the needy for a pair of shoes and sell the refuse of the wheat.

7 The LORD has sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwells therein? and it shall all rise up as a flood, and it shall be cast out and sunk, as the river of Egypt.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, said the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will cover the earth with darkness in the clear day;

10 and I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; and I will cause sackcloth to be brought up upon all loins and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only *son* and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 ¶ Behold, *the* days come, said the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine to the earth, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing *the* words of the LORD:

12 and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek *the* word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.

13 In that day the fair virgins and young men shall faint for thirst.

14 Those that swear by the guiltiness of Samaria and say, As thy God of Dan lives; and, As the way of Beersheba lives, even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

Amos 9

1 ¶ I saw the Lord standing upon the altar, and he said, Smite the threshold and shake the doors and cut the head of them all into pieces; and I will slay the last of them with the sword; there shall be none of them *left* to flee away or to escape.

2 Though they dig unto Sheol, from there shall my hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring them down;

3 and though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out of there; and though they hide from my sight in the bottom of the sea, from there will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

4 and though they go into captivity before their enemies, from there I will command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set my eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

5 The Lord GOD of the hosts *is* he that touches the earth, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall all rise up like *a* river and shall be sunk, as the river of Egypt.

6 He that built his degrees in the heaven and has founded his gathering upon the earth; he that calls the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name.

7 O sons of Israel, *Are* ye not as sons of the Ethiopians unto me, said the LORD? Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Palestinians from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* against the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, said the LORD.

9 For, behold, I will command, and I will cause the house of Israel to be sifted among all the Gentiles like as *the grain* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall to the earth.

10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, For our sake the evil shall not come near nor overtake us.

11 ¶ In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen and close up its breaches; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

12 that those who are called by my name may possess the remnant of Edom and all the Gentiles, said the LORD that does this.

13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall catch up with the reaper, and the treader of grapes with him that sows seed; and the mountains shall drop new wine, and all the hills shall melt.

14 And I will turn the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them.

15 For I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, said the LORD thy God.

The Prophecy of **Obadiah**

1 ¶ The vision of Obadiah. Thus hath the Lord GOD said concerning Edom: We have heard the message from the LORD, and *a* messenger is sent to the Gentiles, Arise, and let us rise up against her in battle.

2 Behold, I have made thee small among the Gentiles: thou *shalt be* greatly humbled.

3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4 Though thou exalt *thyself* as the eagle and though thou set thy nest among the stars, from there I will bring thee down, said the LORD.

5 Did thieves come to thee, or robbers by night? (how art thou destroyed!) would they not have stolen until they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave *some* grapes?

6 How were *the things* of Esau searched out! His hidden things were sought after!

7 All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee *even* to the border; the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee *and* prevailed against thee; *those that eat* thy bread have laid a wound under thee; *there is* no intelligence in this.

8 Shall I not in that day, said the LORD, even destroy the wise *men* out of Edom and intelligence out of the mount of Esau?

9 And thy mighty *men*, O Teman, shall be dismayed because every man shall be cut off from mount of Esau by the slaughter.

10 ¶ For *thy* violence against thy brother Jacob, shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

11 In the day that thou didst stand on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou *wast* as one of them.

12 But thou should not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither should thou have rejoiced over the sons of Judah in the day they were lost; neither should thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

13 Thou should not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; thou should not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid *hands* on their substance in the day of their calamity;

14 neither should thou have stood in the crossway, to kill those of his that did escape; neither should thou have delivered up those of his that remained in the day of distress.

15 For the day of the LORD *is* near upon all *the* Gentiles: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the Gentiles drink continually; they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

17 ¶ But in Mount Zion shall be deliverance, and it shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

19 And *those of* the south shall possess the mount of Esau and the plains of the Palestinians, and they shall also possess the fields of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria; and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.

20 And the captives of this host of the sons of Israel *shall possess* that of the Canaanites, *even* unto Zarephath; and the captives of Jerusalem, who *shall be* in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.

21 And saviours shall come up unto Mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.

The Prophecy of **Jonah**

1 2 3 4

Jonah 1

1 ¶ Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah, the son of Amittai, saying,

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD and went down to Joppa, and he found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare thereof and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish *fleeing* from the presence of the LORD.

4 ¶ But the LORD caused a great wind to rise up in the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship thought she would be broken.

5 And the mariners were afraid, and everyone called unto his god, and they cast forth the vessels that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; he lay and was fast asleep.

6 So the shipmaster came to him and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that he will have compassion upon us that we not perish.

7 And each one said to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots that we may know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

8 Then they said unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, why this evil *is come* upon us; What *is* thine occupation? and from where dost thou come? what *is* thy

country? and of what people *art* thou?

9 And he said unto them, I *am* a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, God of the heavens, who has made the sea and the dry *land*.

10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD because he had told them.

11 ¶ Then they said unto him, What shall we do unto thee that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea rose *higher* and was wroth.

12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you; for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you.

13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to turn the ship to land, but they could not; for the sea rose *higher* and was wroth against them.

14 And they cried unto the LORD and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for the soul of this man, and do not lay upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.

15 So they took up Jonah and cast him forth into the sea; and the sea ceased from her raging.

16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD and made vows.

17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 2

- 1 ¶ Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,
2 and said, I cried by reason of my tribulation unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, *and* thou didst hear my voice.
3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about; all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.
4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will see thy holy temple again.
5 The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul, the depth closed me round about; the weeds were wrapped about my head.
6 I descended to the roots of the mountains; the earth *put* her bars about me for ever; yet thou hast brought up my life out of the grave, O LORD my God.
7 When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer entered in unto thee in thy holy temple.
8 Those that observe lying vanities forsake his mercy.
9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* which I have vowed; that saving comes of the LORD.
10 ¶ And the LORD spoke unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

Jonah 3

- 1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,
- 2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.
- 3 So Jonah arose and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.
- 4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be destroyed.
- 5 ¶ So the people of Nineveh believed God and proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.
- 6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he threw his robe from him and covered *himself* with sackcloth and sat in ashes.
- 7 And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing; let them not feed, nor drink water:
- 8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth and cry mightily unto God; and let each one turn from his evil way and from the violence that *is* in his hands.
- 9 Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent and turn away from his fierce anger, that we not perish?
- 10 And God saw their works, because they turned from their evil way, and he repented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them, and he did not do *it*.

Jonah 4

1 ¶ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2 And he prayed unto the LORD and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was* this not what I said when I was yet in my country? Therefore I hastened to flee unto Tarshish, for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy, and dost repent when thou art come to take punishment.

3 Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me, for I would rather die than live.

4 Then the LORD said, Art thou so angry?

5 ¶ And Jonah went out of the city and sat towards the east side of the city, and there made him a booth and sat under it in the shade until he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the LORD God prepared a gourd and made *it* to come up over Jonah that it might be a shadow over his head to deliver him from his evil. So Jonah was exceeding glad for the gourd.

7 But God *also* prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd so that it withered.

8 And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah that he fainted and wished in his soul to die and said, *It* is better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, Art thou so angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, *even* unto death.

10 Then the LORD said, Thou hast had pity on the gourd for which thou hast not laboured, neither didst *thou* make it grow; which came up in a night and perished in a night:

11 And shall I not spare Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred twenty thousand persons, that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand, and many animals?

The Prophecy of **Micah**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Micah 1

1 ¶ The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, all ye peoples; hearken, O earth, and all that is therein: and the Lord GOD, the Lord from his holy temple shall be *a* witness against you.

3 For, behold, the LORD comes forth out of his place and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4 And the mountains shall melt under him, and the valleys shall be split, as wax before the fire, *and* as the waters *that* run down a steep place.

5 All this for the rebellion of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What *is* the rebellion of Jacob? *is it* not Samaria? and what *are* the high places of Judah? *are they* not Jerusalem?

6 Therefore I will make Samaria into heaps in the field, into a land of vineyards: and I will scatter her stones throughout the valley, and I will uncover her foundations.

7 And all her graven images shall be broken to pieces, and all her gifts shall be burned in the fire, and I will destroy all her idols, for she gathered *it* of the gifts of harlots, and they shall return unto gifts of harlots.

8 ¶ Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons and mourning as the owls.

9 For her wound *is* painful, for it is come unto Judah; it is come unto the gate of my people, *even* to Jerusalem.

10 Do not declare *it* in Gath, weep little; roll thyself in the dust for the house of Aphrah.

11 Pass away naked with shame, thou inhabitant of Saphir: the inhabitant of Zaanan did not come forth in the mourning of Bethazel; he shall receive of you for his lateness.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth was pained because of good; therefore evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, hitch the chariot to dromedaries: for thou wert the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion, for in thee the rebellions of Israel were invented.

14 Therefore shalt thou give gifts to Moreshethgath; the houses of Achzib *shall be* a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah; the glory of Israel shall come unto Adullam.

16 Make thee bald, and shave thee for the sons of thy delight; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle, for they are gone into captivity from thee.

Micah 2

1 ¶ Woe unto those that devise iniquity and fabricate evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they put it into effect because they have power in their hands.

2 And they coveted fields and stole them, and houses and took *them* away; so they oppressed the man and his house, even the man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus hath the LORD said; Behold, I devise an evil against this family, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye walk haughtily; for the time shall be evil.

4 In that time shall *one* take up a saying against you and lament with a doleful lamentation *and* say, We have been utterly destroyed; he has changed the portion of my people; how has he taken our fields! He has given and *divided our fields unto others*.

5 Therefore thou shalt have no one to cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

6 ¶ Do not prophesy, *they say to* those that prophesy: Do not prophesy unto them *that* they are to understand shame.

7 O *thou that* calls thyself the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD shortened? *are* these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walks uprightly?

8 He who yesterday *was* my people is risen up as an enemy; ye pull off the robe with the garment from those that pass by as those who return from war.

9 Ye have cast the women of my people out from their pleasant houses; from their children ye have taken away my continual praise.

10 Arise and depart, for this *is* not *your* rest because it is polluted; it has become corrupted and with a great corruption.

11 If there is one walking in the spirit of falsehood, he shall lie, *saying*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

12 ¶ I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah as *the*

flock in the midst of their fold; they shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude of* men.

13 *The* breaker shall go up before them; they shall break through and pass through the gate and go out by it; and their king shall pass before them, the LORD at the head of them.

Micah 3

1 ¶ And I said, Hear, I pray you, O princes of Jacob, and ye heads of the house of Israel. *Did* it not *pertain* to you to know that which is right?

2 Who hate the good, and love the evil, who steal their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

3 and eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones and chop them in pieces as for the pot and as flesh within the caldron.

4 Then they shall cry unto the LORD, but he will not respond to them: he will even hide his face from them at that time because of their evil doings.

5 Thus hath the LORD said concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that does not give them *something* to eat, they even prepare war against him.

6 Therefore the vision shall be made night unto you, and darkness unto those that divine, and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 Then the prophets shall be ashamed, and the diviners confounded; and they shall all cover their lips because *they shall have* no answer from God.

8 ¶ But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his rebellion, and to Israel his sin.

9 Now hear this, ye heads of the house of Jacob and captains of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment and pervert all equity;

10 that build up Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity;

11 the heads thereof judge for bribes, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet they come near unto the LORD, and say, *Is not the LORD among us?* No evil can come upon us.

12 Therefore for your sake Zion shall be plowed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

Micah 4

1 ¶ But it shall come to pass in the last of the times *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the top of the mountains and higher than all the hills, and peoples shall flow unto it.

2 And many Gentiles shall come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 And he shall judge among many peoples and correct strong nations even afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they train for war any more.

4 But each one shall sit under their vine and under their fig tree, and no one shall make *them* afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of the hosts has spoken *it*.

5 Even if all the peoples should walk each one in the name of their gods; with all this we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and eternally.

6 In that day, saith the LORD, I will assemble her that is lame, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted,

7 and I will make her that is lame to be heirs, and her that was cast off a strong nation, and the LORD shall reign over them in the mount of Zion from now, and for evermore.

8 ¶ And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion shall come unto thee; and the dominion shall come first, the kingdom, to the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? *is there* no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now thou shalt go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go *even* to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 But now many nations are gathered against thee that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eyes see our desire *carried out* upon Zion.

12 But they did not know the thoughts of the LORD, neither did they understand his counsel by which he gathered them as sheaves onto the *threshing* floor.

13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs bronze; and thou shalt break in pieces many peoples; and thou shalt consecrate their spoil unto the LORD and their riches unto the Lord of the whole earth.

Micah 5

1 ¶ Now thou shalt be besieged by armies, O daughter of *the* army: he shall lay siege against us; they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be Lord in Israel; and his goings forth *are* from the beginning, from the days of the ages.

3 Therefore he will give them up until the time *that* she who travails has brought forth; then the remnant of his brethren shall return with the sons of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide; for now he shall be great unto the ends of the earth.

5 And he shall be *our* peace when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then we shall raise against him seven shepherds and eight principal men.

6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the blade, and the land of Nimrod with their swords; and he shall deliver *us* from the Assyrian when he comes against our land and when he treads *within* our borders.

7 ¶ And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as the dew of the LORD, as the rains upon the grass, which did not expect *a* man, nor did they expect the sons of men.

8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many peoples as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, if he goes through and treads down and tears in pieces, there are none that can escape.

9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine enemies, and all thine adversaries shall be cut off.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, said the LORD, that I will cause thy horses to be killed out of the midst of thee, and I will cause thy chariots to be destroyed:

11 and I will cause all the cities of thy land to be destroyed, and I will cause all thy fortresses to be destroyed:

12 and I will cause the witchcrafts to be destroyed by thy hand; and no *more* soothsayers shall be found in thee:

13 and I will cause thy graven images and thy images to be destroyed out of the midst of thee; and never again shalt thou worship the work of thine hands.

14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities.

15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury in the Gentiles who have not heard.

Micah 6

1 ¶ Hear ye now what the LORD saith: Arise, contend thou with the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2 Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will reprove Israel.

3 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and in what have I wearied thee? testify against me.

4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt and ransomed thee out of the house of slaves; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal: that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.

6 ¶ With what shall I present myself before the LORD, *and how* shall I worship the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, *or* with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn *for* my rebellion, the fruit of my bowels *for* the sin of my soul?

8 He has declared unto thee, O man, what *is* good and what the LORD requires of thee: only to do *right* judgment, and to love mercy, and to humble thyself to walk with thy God.

9 ¶ The LORD's voice cries *out* unto the city, and *the man of* wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and *he* who has established it.

10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked and the scant measure *that is* abominable?

11 Can I be pure with false balances and with a bag of deceitful weights?

12 With which their rich men are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue *is* deceitful in their mouth.

13 Therefore I have also made *thee* weak in smiting thee, in making *thee* desolate because of thy sins.

14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy casting down *shall be* in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take, but shalt not be saved; and *that* which thou dost save, I will give it up to the sword.

15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with the oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink the wine.

16 For the statutes of Omri have been kept and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye have walked in their counsels that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof a hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

Micah 7

1 ¶ Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer *fruits*, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: *there is* no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe fruit.

2 The merciful *man* of the earth is missing: and *there is* no one upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt each man his brother with a net.

3 To complete the evil with their hands, the prince demands, and the judge *judges* for a reward; and the great *man* speaks the desires of his heart: and they confirm it.

4 The best of them *is* as a brier; the most upright *as* a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen, thy visitation, comes; now shall be their confusion.

5 Do not believe in a friend, do not trust in a prince; from her that lies at thy side, take care, open not thy mouth.

6 For the son dishonours the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's enemies *are* those of his own house.

7 ¶ Therefore I will wait for the LORD; I will wait for the God of my saving health; my God will hear me.

8 Do not rejoice against me, O my enemy; for if I have fallen, I shall arise; if I sit in darkness, the LORD *is* my light.

9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he has judged my cause and executed my judgment; he will bring me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold his righteousness.

10 Then *she that is* my enemy shall see *it*, and shame shall cover her who said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? my eyes shall behold her: now she shall be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

11 In the day that thy walls shall be built unto thee, *in* that day shall the decree *of thy slavery* be far removed.

12 *In* that day *also* he shall come even to thee from Assyria and *from* the fortified cities and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and *from* mountain to mountain.

13 And the land with those that dwell therein shall be made desolate, for the fruit of their doings.

14 ¶ Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell only *in* the mountain, in the midst of Carmel; let them feed *in* Bashan and Gilead, as in the time of old.

15 I will show you marvellous *things* as in the day when thou came out of Egypt.

16 The Gentiles shall see and be ashamed at all thy mighty acts: they shall lay *their* hand upon *their* mouth, their ears shall become deaf.

17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent; as the serpents of the earth, they shall tremble in their holes; they shall be filled with fear of the LORD our God and shall *also* fear thee.

18 Who *is* a God like unto thee that pardons iniquity, and passes over the rebellion with the remnant of his heritage? He did not retain his anger for ever because he delights *in* mercy.

19 He will turn again, he will have mercy on us; he will subdue our iniquities; and will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob *and* the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the times of old.

The Prophet
Nahum

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Nahum 1

1 ¶ The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2 ¶ God *is* jealous, and the LORD avenges; the LORD avenges and *is* furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserves *wrath* for his enemies.

3 The LORD *is* slow to anger and great in power and will not at all treat the guilty as though they were innocent; the LORD whose way *is* in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of his feet.

4 He reprehends the sea and makes it dry and dries up all the rivers; Bashan was destroyed, and Carmel; and the flower of Lebanon was destroyed.

5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, and the world and all that dwell therein.

6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

7 The LORD *is* good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knows those that trust in him.

8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of his place, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

9 ¶ What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end; he will not hold back the tribulation the second time.

10 For while *they are* entwined together *as* thorns, and while the drunkards shall be drinking, they shall be devoured as stubble full of dryness.

11 He has come out of thee that has imagined evil against the LORD, a counsellor of Belial.

12 Thus hath the LORD said: For much rest that they have, and though they are many, yet thus shall they be cut down, and *he* shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.

13 For now I will break his yoke from off thee and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

14 And the LORD shall give a commandment concerning thee *that* no one else of thy name ever be sown; out of the house of thy god I will cut off the graven image and the molten image; I will make it thy grave because thou wert vile.

15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that brings good tidings, of him that publishes peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows; for Belial shall no longer pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

Nahum 2

1 ¶ The destroyer is risen up against thee: keep the fortress, watch the way, make *thy* loins strong, fortify *thy* power mightily.

2 For the LORD shall restore the glory of Jacob as the glory of Israel; for the emptiers have emptied them out and marred their vine branches.

3 The shield of his valiant ones shall be red, the men of *his* army *are* in scarlet, the chariot *as* fire of torches *in* the day which shall be made ready; the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.

4 The chariots shall rage in the streets; they shall flow through the streets, their faces like torches; they shall run like the lightnings.

5 He shall remember his valiant ones; they shall stumble in their walk when they make haste to their wall, and the covering shall be prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be destroyed.

7 And the queen shall be taken captive; they shall order her to go up, and her maids shall take *her*, mourning as with the voice of doves, beating upon their breasts.

8 And Nineveh was of old like a pool of water; but *now* they flee away. Stand, stand, *shall they cry*; but no one looks *back*.

9 Take the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold, for *there is* no end of the riches; honour, more than all the desirable furniture.

10 She is empty and worn out and is in pieces, and the heart melted, the knees smite together, and much pain *is* in the kidneys, and the faces of them all gather blackness.

11 ¶ What of the dwelling of the lions and of the feeding place of the young lions where the lion and the lioness walked *and* the lion's whelps, and no one made *them* afraid?

12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his whelps and strangled for his lionesses and filled his holes with prey and his dens with robbery.

13 Behold, I *speak* unto thee, saith the LORD of the hosts, and I will burn and *reduce* thy chariots into smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions; and I will cut off thy robbery from the earth, and the voice of thy ambassadors shall never be heard again.

Nahum 3

1 ¶ Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies *and* robbery; stealing does not depart *from her*!

2 The noise of *the* whip and the noise of the rattling of the wheels and of the prancing horses and of the jumping chariots *shall be heard in thee*.

3 The horseman lifts up both the bright sword and the glittering spear, and *there is* a multitude of slain and a great number of carcasses; and *there* shall be no end of *their* corpses; they stumble upon their corpses,

4 because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the harlot of beautiful grace, the mistress of witchcrafts that sells the Gentiles *into slavery* through her whoredoms and peoples through her witchcrafts.

5 Here I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of the hosts, and I will uncover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will show the Gentiles thy nakedness and the kingdoms thy shame.

6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee and make thee vile and will set thee as dung.

7 And it shall come to pass, *that* all those that look upon thee shall flee from thee and say, Nineveh is laid waste; who will bemoan her? from where shall I seek comforters for thee?

8 ¶ Art thou better than populous No that was situated among the rivers, *that had* the waters round about it, whose rampart *was* the sea, *and* her wall was from the sea?

9 Ethiopia was thy strength and Egypt with no limit; Put and Libia went to thy aid.

10 Yet she *was* carried away, she went into captivity; her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her nobles were bound in chains.

11 Thou also shalt be drunken; thou shalt be encompassed; thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy.

12 All thy strongholds *are like* fig trees with the firstripe figs; if they are shaken, they even fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee *shall be like* women; the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies; the fire shall devour thy bars.

14 Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brickkiln.

15 There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off; it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts.

16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven; the cankerworm spoils and flies away.

17 Thy princes *shall be* as the locusts and thy captains as the great grasshoppers which camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun arises, they flee away, and it is not known where they were.

18 Thy shepherds have slumbered, O king of Assyria; thy valiant ones are at rest; thy people scattered themselves upon the mountains, and there is no one to unite *them*.

19 *There is* no cure for thy destruction; thy wound is grievous; all that hear thy story shall clap their hands over thee; for upon whom has not thy wickedness passed continually?

The Prophet
Habakkuk

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Habakkuk 1

1 ¶ The burden which Habakkuk the prophet saw.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear; and raise my voice unto thee because of the violence, and thou wilt not save?

3 Why dost thou cause me to see iniquity and cause *me* to behold grievance and destruction and violence before me, in addition to those that raise up strife and contention?

4 Therefore the law is weakened, and the judgment does not go forth true: for the wicked compasses about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceeds.

5 ¶ Behold among the Gentiles and regard and wonder marvelously, for a work shall be done in your days *which* ye will not believe, though it be told *you*.

6 For, behold, I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which march through the breadth of the earth to possess the dwelling places *that are* not theirs.

7 She *is* terrible and dreadful: from her herself shall go forth their rights and their grandeur.

8 Their horses shall be swifter than tigers and are sharper than the evening wolves, and their horsemen shall multiply themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as eagles *that* hasten to eat.

9 All of her shall come for the prey, before their faces an east wind, and they shall gather the captives as the sand.

10 And he shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto him, he shall deride every fortress and shall heap dust and take it.

11 Then he shall become arrogant *against God*, and he shall pass ahead and shall be *found* guilty, *imputing* this his power unto his god.

12 ¶ Art thou not from the beginning, O LORD my God, my Holy One? we shall not die, O LORD, thou hast ordained him for judgment, and thou hast established him strong for chastisement.

13 *Thou art* of purer eyes than to behold evil and canst not look on iniquity: why dost thou look upon those that deal treacherously *and* hold thy tongue when the wicked devour *the man that is* more righteous than he?

14 And dost make men as the fishes of the sea, as reptiles *that have* no lord?

15 He shall take up all of them with *his* hook; he shall catch them in his net and gather them in his drag: therefore, he shall rejoice and be glad.

16 Therefore, he shall sacrifice unto his net and burn incense unto his drag because by them his portion *is* fat, and his food plenteous.

17 Shall he therefore empty his net, or have pity to *stop* slaying Gentiles continually?

Habakkuk 2

1 ¶ I will stand upon my watch and affirm my foot upon the fortress and will watch to see what he will say in me and what I shall answer to my question.

2 And the LORD answered me and said, Write the vision and make *it* plain upon tables that he may run that reads it.

3 For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it because it will surely come; wait for it.

4 Behold, he whose soul is not upright in him *will* become filled with pride, but the just in his faith shall live.

5 ¶ Even more than he who is given over to wine, *the* transposer, the proud man, shall not remain, who enlarges his desire as Sheol and *is* as death and cannot be satisfied, but gathered unto him all the Gentiles and heaps unto him all the peoples;

6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him and a taunting enigma against him and say, Woe to him that multiplied *that which* was not his! And *for* how long would he pile thick clay upon himself?

7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee and awake those that shall take thy place, and thou shalt be for a prey unto them?

8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the other peoples shall spoil thee because of human blood and *for* the robberies of the land, of the cities, and of all that dwell therein.

9 Woe to him that covets ill-gotten gain by violence for his house that he may set his nest on high, that he may escape from the power of evil!

10 Thou hast taken shameful counsel for thy house by cutting off many peoples and hast committed a sin against thy life.

11 For the stone shall cry out from the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

12 Woe to him that builds the city with blood and founds the village with iniquity!

13 *Is* this not of the LORD of the hosts? Therefore the peoples shall labour for the fire, and the Gentiles shall weary themselves in vain.

14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

15 ¶ Woe unto him that gives his neighbours drink, that puts thy bottle to *them*, and makes *them* drunken also, that thou may look on their nakedness!

16 Thou hast filled thyself with dishonour instead of honour; drink thou also, and thy foreskin shall be uncovered; the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful vomit *shall fall* upon thy glory.

17 For the violence of Lebanon shall fall upon thee and the destruction of the *wild* beasts shall break thee, because of the human blood, and of the robbery of the land, of the cities, and of all that dwell therein.

18 Of what profit *is* the graven image that its maker has sculpted; the molten image, that teaches lies, so that in making dumb images the maker trusts in his work?

19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise! Can it ever teach? Behold, it *is* laid over with gold and silver, and *there is* no breath at all within it.

20 But the LORD *is* in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk 3

1 ¶ A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, because of all the ignorance.

2 O LORD, I have heard thy word *and* was afraid; O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the times; in the midst of the times make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

3 ¶ God shall come from Teman, and the Holy *One* from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was filled with his praise.

4 And *his* brightness was as the light; he had horns *coming* out of his hand; and there *was* hidden his strength.

5 Before his face went mortality, and burning coals went forth from his feet.

6 He stood and measured the earth; he beheld and drove out the Gentiles; and the ancient mountains crumbled, the ancient hills; the ways of the world bowed unto him.

7 I saw the tents of Cushan as nothing, *and* the curtains of the land of Midian trembled.

8 Oh LORD, wast thou displeased against the rivers? *was* thine anger against the rivers? *was* thy wrath even against the sea when thou didst ride upon thine horses *and* thy chariots of saving health?

9 Thy bow was entirely uncovered, and the oaths unto the tribes, eternal word, when thou didst divide the earth with rivers.

10 The mountains saw thee, *and* they trembled: the overflowing of the waters passed by; the abyss uttered its voice; the deep lifted up its hands.

11 The sun *and* the moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went *and* at the shining of thy glittering spear.

12 Thou didst tread upon the land in wrath; thou didst thresh the Gentiles in anger.

13 Thou didst go forth to save thy people, to save with thine anointed; thou didst shatter the head of the house of the wicked by uncovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

14 Thou didst strike through with his staffs the heads of his villages, who as a whirlwind attempted to scatter me; their pride *was* as to devour the poor

secretly.

15 Thou didst make a way through the sea for thine horses *through* the heap of great waters.

16 ¶ When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice; rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in my seat, that I might rest in the day of trouble when he comes up unto the people to destroy them.

17 Because the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* on the vines; the labour of the olive shall lie, and the cultivated fields shall yield no food; the sheep shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:

18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will joy in the God of my saving health.

19 The LORD God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' *feet*, and upon my high places he will cause me to walk victorious in my instruments of music.

Zephaniah

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Zephaniah 1

1 ¶ The word of the LORD which went unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

2 I will utterly destroy all things from off the face of the earth, saith the LORD.

3 I will destroy the men and the beasts; I will destroy the fowls of the heaven and the fishes of the sea, and the wicked shall stumble; and I will cut off men from upon the face of the earth, saith the LORD.

4 And I will extend my hand over Judah and over all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place *and* the name of their religious *persons* with *their* priests

5 and those that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops and those that worship swearing by the LORD and by their king

6 and those that have turned back from following the LORD and *those* that did not seek the LORD, nor enquired about him.

7 ¶ Be silent before the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has bid his guests.

8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD's sacrifice that I will make a visitation upon the princes and upon the king's sons and upon all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

9 In the same day I will also make a visitation upon all those that leap over the door, who fill their masters' houses with robbery and deceit.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD *that there shall be* the noise of a cry from the fish gate and a howling from the school and a great destruction from the hills.

11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all those that brought ye silver are cut off.

12 And it shall come to pass at that time, *that* I will search Jerusalem with lamps and make a visitation upon the men that are settled on their lees, that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.

13 Therefore their goods shall become a spoil, and their houses a desolation: they shall build houses, but not inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.

14 ¶ The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and hastens greatly, the bitter voice of the day of the LORD; the mighty man shall cry there.

15 That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 A day of the shofar and alarm upon the strong cities, and upon the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men that they shall walk like blind men because they have sinned against the LORD, and their blood shall be poured out as dust and their flesh as the dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath, but the whole earth shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy; for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all those that dwell in the earth.

Zephaniah 2

1 ¶ Search yourselves and one another, O unfriendly people;

2 before the decree is executed, *before* the day passes as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD comes upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you.

3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye humble of the earth, who have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek humility: it may be ye shall be kept in the day of the LORD's anger.

4 ¶ For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall spoil Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the people of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD *is* against you; O Canaan, the land of the Palestinians, I will cause thee to be destroyed until there shall be no inhabitant *left*.

6 And the sea coast shall be for dwellings *and* cottages for pastors, and sheepfolds.

7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon they shall sleep for the night; for the LORD their God shall visit them and return their captives.

8 ¶ I have heard the reproaches of Moab, and the revilings of the sons of Ammon, by which they have dishonoured my people and magnified *themselves* over their border.

9 Therefore *as* I live, said the LORD of the hosts, *the* God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom and the sons of Ammon as Gomorrah, *even* a field of nettles and saltpits and a perpetual desolation; the remnant of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my Gentiles shall inherit them.

10 This shall come upon them for their pride because they have reproached and magnified *themselves* against the people of the LORD of the hosts.

11 The LORD *shall be* terrible against them for he will weaken all the gods of the earth; and each one from his place shall worship him, *even* all the isles of the Gentiles.

12 ¶ Ye Ethiopians also, ye *shall be* slain by my sword.

13 And he will stretch out his hand over the north *wind* and destroy Assyria and will make Nineveh a desolation *and* dry like a wilderness.

14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the Gentiles; both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in her thresholds; *their* voice shall sing in the windows; desolation *shall be* in the gates: for her cedar *work* shall be uncovered.

15 This *is* the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I *am*, and *there is* none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! anyone that passes by her shall hiss *and* wag his hand.

Zephaniah 3

1 ¶ Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

2 She did not obey the voice; she did not receive correction; she did not trust in the LORD; she did not draw near to her God.

3 Her princes within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they do not leave a bone for tomorrow.

4 Her prophets *are* light *and* treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary; they have falsified the law.

5 The just LORD *is* in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: each morning he shall bring his judgment to light; he never fails; but the unjust know no shame.

6 I have caused *the* Gentiles to be cut off: their castles are desolate; I made their streets waste until no one passes by; their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man *left*, there is no inhabitant.

7 Saying, Surely *now* thou wilt fear me; thou wilt receive chastisement; so thy dwelling shall not be thrown down, all of which I visited upon her; but they rose early, *and* corrupted all their doings.

8 ¶ Therefore wait for me, said the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my judgment *is* to gather *the* Gentiles, that I may assemble the kingdoms to pour upon them my indignation, *even* all my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

9 For then I will restore to the peoples the pure language that they may all call upon the name of the LORD to serve him with one consent.

10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, *even* the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring me an offering.

11 In that day thou shalt not be ashamed for any of thy doings, in which thou hast rebelled against me, for then I will take away out of the midst of thee those that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no longer be haughty because of the mountain of my holiness.

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee a poor and humble people, and they shall wait in the name of the LORD.

13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth, for they shall be fed and lie down, and no one shall make *them* afraid.

14 ¶ Sing, O daughter of Zion; *shout with joy* O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all thy heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 The LORD has taken away thy judgments; he has cast out thine enemy; the LORD is king of Israel in the midst of thee; thou shalt not see evil any more.

16 In that time it shall be said to Jerusalem, Do not fear; *and to Zion*, Do not let thine hands be slack.

17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing.

18 I will gather *those that are* weary because of the *long* time, *who* are thine, *unto whom* her confusion was a burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee; and I will save her that is lame and gather her that was driven out; and I will make them a praise and of *good* reputation in every land where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you *again*, even in the time that I gather you; for I will give you as fame and as praise among all peoples of the earth, when I shall return your captives before your eyes, saith the LORD.

The Prophet
Haggai

1 2

Haggai 1

1 ¶ In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by *the* hand of Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of the hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not yet come, the time to build the house of the LORD.

3 Then came the word of the LORD by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 Do you have time, all of you, to dwell in your panelled houses, and this house *is* deserted?

5 Now therefore thus hath the LORD of the hosts said; Consider your ways.

6 Ye have sown much and bring in little; ye eat, but ye are not filled; ye drink, but ye are not satisfied; ye clothe yourselves, but you are not warm; and he that is a hireling receives his wages in a bag with holes.

7 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the mountain and bring wood and build the house; and I will place my will in her, and I will be glorified, said the LORD.

9 Ye look for much and find little; and *when* ye lock it up at home, I shall blow upon it. Why? said the LORD of the hosts. Because my house is deserted, and ye run each one of you unto his *own* house.

10 Therefore the rain of the heavens over you is held back, and the earth has held back her fruits.

11 And I called for a drought upon this land and upon the mountains and upon the wheat and upon the wine and upon the oil and upon *that* which the earth brings forth and upon the men, and upon the beasts and upon every labour of hands.

12 ¶ Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, heard the voice of the LORD their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people feared before the LORD.

13 Then spoke Haggai the ambassador of the LORD in the embassy of the LORD unto the people, saying, I *am* with you, said the LORD.

14 And the LORD woke up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked in the house of the LORD of the hosts, their God,

15 in the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Haggai 2

1 ¶ In the seventh *month*, in the twenty-first *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of the prophet Haggai, saying,

2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see her now? *Is* she not as nothing before your eyes?

4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, said the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of this land, said the LORD, and work; for I *am* with you, said the LORD of the hosts:

5 The word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt and my Spirit is in the midst of you: do not fear.

6 For thus hath the LORD of the hosts said: Yet even once, and I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry *land*;

7 and I will shake all the Gentiles; and the desire of all the Gentiles shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, said the LORD of the hosts.

8 The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, said the LORD of the hosts.

9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, said the LORD of the hosts, and in this place I will give peace, said the LORD of the hosts.

10 ¶ In the twenty-fourth *day* of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said; Ask now the priests *concerning* the law, saying,

12 If one bears holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt touches bread or pottage or wine, or oil or any food, shall it be *made* holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

13 Then Haggai said, If *one that is* unclean by a dead body touches any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be

unclean.

14 Then Haggai answered, and said, *So is this people, and so is this nation before me, said the LORD; and so is every work of their hands, and all that they offer here is unclean.*

15 And now, I pray you, consider in your heart from this day forth, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:

16 since these *things* were: when *one* came to a heap of twenty *measures*, there were *but* ten; when *one* came to the pressfat to draw out fifty *vessels* out of the press, there were *but* twenty.

17 I smote you with *the* east wind and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands, yet ye did not *turn* to me, said the LORD.

18 Consider now in your heart from this day forth, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth *month*, *even* from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, put your heart into *it*.

19 Is not the seed yet in the barn? Not even the vine, nor the fig tree, nor the pomegranate, nor the olive tree, has blossomed yet, but from this day will I bless *you*.

20 ¶ And the word of the LORD came the second time unto Haggai in the twenty-fourth *day* of the month, saying,

21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I cause the heavens and the earth to shake,

22 and I will overthrow the throne of the kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdom of the Gentiles, and I will overthrow the chariot and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, each one by the sword of his brother.

23 In that day, said the LORD of the hosts, I will take thee, O Zerubbabel, my slave, the son of Shealtiel, said the LORD, and will make thee as a signet ring; for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of the hosts.

The Prophet
Zechariah

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Zechariah 1

1 ¶ In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, saying,

2 The LORD has been sore displeased with your fathers.

3 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said; Turn unto me, said the LORD of the hosts, and I will turn unto you, said the LORD of the hosts.

4 Do not be as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said; Turn now from your evil ways and *from* your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, said the LORD.

5 Your fathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my slaves the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? Therefore they returned *from captivity* and said, Like as the LORD of the hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways and according to our doings, so has he dealt with us.

7 ¶ Upon the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which *is* the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, saying,

8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the bottom; and behind him *there were*

red horses, speckled, and white.

9 Then said I, O my lord, what *are* these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will show thee who these *are*.

10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These *are those* whom the LORD has sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

11 And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees and said, We have walked to and fro through the land, and, behold, all the earth sits still and is at rest.

12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of the hosts, when wilt thou have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these seventy years?

13 And the LORD answered good words unto the angel that talked with me, words of consolation.

14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of the hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

15 And I am very sore displeased with the Gentiles *that are* at ease; for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

16 Therefore thus hath the LORD said, I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies; my house shall be built in her, saith the LORD of the hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of the hosts, My cities through abundance of good shall yet be widened; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

18 ¶ Then I lifted up my eyes and saw and behold four horns.

19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

20 And the LORD showed me four carpenters.

21 Then I said, What *do* these come to do? And he spoke, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no one lifted up his head, but these are come to cause them to tremble, to cut down the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

Zechariah 2

1 ¶ I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 Then I said, Where goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* its breadth and what *is* its length.

3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him

4 and said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited without walls for the multitude of men and beasts in the midst of her:

5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about and will be the glory in the midst of her.

6 ¶ Ho, ho, *come forth*, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD, for I have spread you abroad by the four winds of the heavens, saith the LORD.

7 O Zion, that dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon, thou must escape.

8 For thus hath the LORD of the hosts said; After the glory he shall send me unto the Gentiles which spoiled you, for he that touches you touches the apple of his eye.

9 For, behold, I raise my hand regarding them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants; and ye shall know that the LORD of the hosts has sent me.

10 ¶ Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for, behold, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, said the LORD.

11 And many Gentiles shall join themselves unto the LORD in that day and shall be my people, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and then thou shalt know that the LORD of the hosts has sent me unto thee.

12 And the LORD shall possess Judah his portion in the holy land and shall still choose Jerusalem.

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD, for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

Zechariah 3

1 ¶ And he showed me Joshua the high priest, standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD reprehend thee, O Satan; even the LORD that has chosen Jerusalem reprehend thee; *is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?*

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and stood before the angel.

4 And *the angel* answered and spoke unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I have caused thee to be clothed with new raiment.

5 And I said, Let them set a clean mitre upon his head. So they set a clean mitre upon his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

7 Thus saith the LORD of the hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also govern my house and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee *a* place among these that are here.

8 ¶ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee, for they *are* men of wonder. Behold, I bring forth my slave the BRANCH.

9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *there are* seven eyes; behold, I will engrave his labour, saith the LORD of the hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of the land in one day.

10 In that day, saith the LORD of the hosts, each one of you shall call his neighbour under his vine and under *his* fig tree.

Zechariah 4

1 ¶ And the angel that talked with me came again and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

2 and said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked and behold a lampstand all *of* gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps upon the lampstand, and seven pipes for the lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof:

3 and two olive trees over it, one upon the right hand *side* of the bowl and the other upon the left hand *side* thereof.

4 So I answered and spoke to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *is* this, my lord?

5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Dost thou not know what this is? And I said, No, my lord.

6 Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This *is the* word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, said the LORD of the hosts.

7 Who *art* thou, O great mountain before Zerubbabel? *Thou shalt be reduced to* a plain; and he shall bring forth the headstone *thereof with* shoutings, *crying*, Grace, grace unto it.

8 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel shall lay the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of the hosts has sent me unto you.

10 For who has despised the day of small *beginnings*? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. Those seven *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 ¶ Then I spoke and said unto him, What *are* these two olive trees upon the right hand *side* of the lampstand and upon the left hand *side* thereof?

12 And I spoke the second time and said unto him, What *are these* two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves?

13 And he answered me and said, Dost thou not know what these *are*? And I said, No, my lord.

14 Then he said, These two sons of oil *are* those that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Zechariah 5

1 ¶ Then I turned and lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold a flying roll.

2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof *is* twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

3 Then said he unto me, This *is* the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth; for every one that steals (as it *is written* on one side of the *roll*) shall be destroyed; and every one that swears (as it *is written* on the other side of the *roll*) shall be destroyed.

4 I brought it forth, said the LORD of the hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief and into the house of him that swears falsely by my name; and it shall remain in the midst of his house and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

5 ¶ Then the angel that talked with me went forth and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes and see what *is* this that goes forth.

6 And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This is an ephah *to measure wheat* that goes forth. He said moreover, This *is* their resemblance in all the earth.

7 And, behold, they lifted up a talent of lead, and a woman was sitting in the midst of that ephah.

8 And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he cast her into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

9 Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens.

10 Then I said to the angel that talked with me, Where do these bear the ephah?

11 And he said unto me, To build it a house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

Zechariah 6

1 ¶ And I turned and lifted up my eyes and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains, and those mountains *were* of brass.

2 In the first chariot *were* red horses and in the second chariot black horses;

3 in the third chariot white horses and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.

4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What *is* this, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These *are* the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The one with the black horses went forth towards the north country, and the white went forth after them, and the grisled went forth toward the south country.

7 And the bay went forth and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth, and he said, Go from here; walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 Then he called me and spoke unto me, saying, Behold, those that went toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

9 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

10 Take of *those of that returned from* the captivity, *of the lineage* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, and come thou the same day and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, whom are come from Babylon.

11 Thou shalt take silver and gold and make crowns and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest,

12 and speak unto him, saying, Thus spoke the LORD of the hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name *is* The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD.

13 He shall build the temple of the LORD, and he shall bear the glory and shall sit and rule upon his throne, and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

14 And Helem and Tobijah and Jedaiah and Hen the son of Zephaniah shall have crowns for *a* memorial in the temple of the LORD.

15 And those *that are* far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of the hosts has sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass if ye will obediently hear the voice of the LORD our God.

Zechariah 7

1 ¶ And it came to pass in the fourth year of King Darius *that* the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chisleu;

2 when they had sent unto the house of God Sherezer and Regemmelech and their men, to pray before the LORD

3 *and* to speak unto the priests which *were* in the house of the LORD of the hosts and to the prophets, saying, Should we weep in the fifth month? Should we do abstinence as we have done these so many years?

4 Then the word of the LORD of the hosts came unto me, saying,

5 Speak unto all the people of the land and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *month*, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, *even* to me?

6 And when ye ate, and when ye drank, did ye not eat *for yourselves*, and drink *for yourselves*?

7 Are these not the words which the LORD has published by the former prophets when Jerusalem was inhabited and quiet and the cities thereof round about her and *when* the south and the plain were inhabited?

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,

9 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts spoken, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassion each one to his brother;

10 and do not oppress the widow nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

11 But they refused to hearken and pulled away the shoulder and stopped their ears that they should not hear.

12 Yea, they made their hearts *as* an adamant stone lest they should hear the law and the words which the LORD of the hosts has sent by his Spirit by the hand of the former prophets; therefore came great wrath from the LORD of the hosts.

13 Therefore it is come to pass *that* as he cried and they would not hear, so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of the hosts:

14 but I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the Gentiles whom they did not know. Thus the land was desolate after them that no man passed through nor returned; for they laid the desirable land desolate.

Zechariah 8

1 ¶ Again the word of the LORD of the hosts came *to me*, saying,

2 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

3 Thus hath the LORD said, I will restore Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall be called City of truth and the mountain of the LORD of the hosts, the mountain of holiness.

4 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said; Old men and old women shall yet dwell there in the streets of Jerusalem, and each one *with* his staff in his hand for the multitude of the days.

5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls who shall play in them.

6 Thus saith the LORD of the hosts, If this should appear difficult in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be difficult in my eyes? saith the LORD of the hosts.

7 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said; Behold, I will save my people of the land of the east and of the land where the sun sets;

8 and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

9 ¶ Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, from the day *that* the foundation of the house of the LORD of the hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

10 For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither *was there any* peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men each one against his neighbour.

11 But now I *will not do* unto the residue of this people as in the former days, said the LORD of the hosts.

12 For the seed of peace *shall remain*; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her fruit, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all this.

13 And it shall come to pass *that* as ye were a curse among the Gentiles, O house of Judah and house of Israel; so will I save you that ye might be a blessing; fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.

14 For thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, As I thought to punish you when your fathers provoked me to wrath, said the LORD of the hosts, and I did not repent:

15 so again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; do not fear.

16 These *are* the things that ye shall do: Speak each one the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates;

17 and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, said the LORD.

18 ¶ And the word of the LORD of the hosts came unto me, saying,

19 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, The fast of the fourth *month* and the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.

20 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, *It shall yet come to pass* that there shall come people and the inhabitants of many cities

21 and the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let us go to pray before the LORD and to seek the LORD of the hosts. *And the other will respond:* I will go also.

22 And many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of the hosts in Jerusalem and to pray before the LORD.

23 Thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, In those days *it shall come to pass* that ten men of all the languages of the Gentiles shall take hold of the robe of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard *that God is with you*.

Zechariah 9

1 ¶ The burden of the word of the LORD against the land of Hadrach and of Damascus, his rest, because the eyes of the men and of all the tribes of Israel *are turned* toward the LORD.

2 And Hamath also shall come to an end in her; Tyre, and Zidon, though it be very wise.

3 And Tyre built herself a stronghold and heaped up silver as the dust and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

4 Behold, the Lord will impoverish her, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

5 Ashkelon shall see *it* and fear; Gaza also *shall see it* and be very sorrowful, and Ekron for her hope shall be confounded; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

6 And a stranger shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth, but some of them shall remain for our God, and they shall be as captains in Judah, and Ekron as the Jebusite.

8 And I will be the defence and firm support to my house from him that comes and goes; and no oppressor shall pass through them any more, for now I have seen with my eyes.

9 ¶ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; *shout with joy*, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy King shall come unto thee: just, and a saviour; humble, and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt the foal of an ass.

10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be broken and he shall speak peace unto the Gentiles; and his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

11 As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have taken thy prisoners out of the pit in which *there is* no water.

12 ¶ Return to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope; even today I declare *that* I will render double unto thee;

13 for I have bent Judah for me *as a* bow, and I made Ephraim his arrow, and I will raise up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and make thee as the sword of a mighty man.

14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the shofar and shall go forth as *the* whirlwinds of the south.

15 The LORD of the hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink *and* make a noise as though *drunk* with wine; and they shall be filled like bowls *and* as the corners of the altar.

16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as a flock of his people, for they *shall be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

17 For how great *is* his goodness, and how great *is* his beauty! The wheat shall make the young men cheerful, and the wine the maids.

Zechariah 10

1 ¶ Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain, so the LORD shall make lightnings and shall give you abundant rain and grass in the field to each one.

2 For the idols have spoken vanity and the diviners have seen a lie and have told vain dreams; they comfort in vain; therefore they went their way like sheep; they were humbled because *there was* no shepherd.

3 My anger is kindled against the pastors, and I will visit the he goats, for the LORD of the hosts shall visit his flock, the house of Judah, and shall make them as his horse of honour in the battle.

4 Out of him shall come the corner, out of him the stake, out of him the battle bow, out of him also every oppressor.

5 ¶ And they shall be as mighty *men*, who tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight because the LORD *shall be* with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 For I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will keep the house of Joseph, and I will cause them to return; for I shall have compassion upon them, and they shall be as though I had not cast them off, for I *am* the LORD their God and will hear them.

7 And *those of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty *man*, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine, their sons shall also see *it* and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

8 I will hiss for them and gather them; for I have ransomed them; and they shall be multiplied as they were multiplied.

9 *It was* good that I planted them among the peoples; even in far countries there shall be mention made of me; and they shall live with their sons and turn again.

10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them.

11 And the tribulation shall pass through the sea and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up; and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall be lost.

12 And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

Zechariah 11

1 ¶ Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

2 Howl, fir tree, for the cedar is fallen because the magnificent are cut down; howl, O ye oaks of Bashan, for the strong mountain is brought down.

3 *There is* a voice of the howling of the pastors; for their magnificence is destroyed; a voice of the roaring of young lions, for the pride of the Jordan is destroyed.

4 ¶ Thus hath the LORD my God said, Feed the flock of the slaughter,

5 whose buyers slayed them and held themselves not guilty; and he that sold them said, Blessed *be* the LORD; for I am rich: and not even their own shepherds had compassion on them.

6 Therefore I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD; but, behold, I will deliver the men each one into his neighbour's hand and into the hand of his king; and they shall smite the land, and I will not deliver *them* out of their hands.

7 And I will feed the flock of slaughter, *even* you, O poor of the flock. For I took unto me two staves: the one I named Beauty, and the other Bands; and I fed the flock.

8 I also cut off three shepherds in one month; and my soul was in anguish for them, and their soul also abhorred me.

9 Then I said, I will not feed you *any longer*; the one that dies, let it die; and the one that is to be lost, let it be lost; and let the rest eat each one the flesh of another.

10 And I took my staff, *even* Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples.

11 And it was broken in that day; and so the poor of the flock that look unto me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD.

12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my wages; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my wages thirty *pieces* of silver.

13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the treasury: a goodly price that I was appraised at by them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and cast them in the house of the LORD unto the treasury.

14 Then I cut asunder my other staff, *even* Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 ¶ And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

16 For, behold, I raise up a shepherd in the land, *which* shall not visit those that are lost, neither shall seek the young one nor heal the one that is broken nor carry the one that is tired, but he shall eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hoofs in pieces.

17 Woe to the useless pastor that leaves the flock! the sword *shall be* upon his arm and upon his right eye; his arm shall be completely dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

Zechariah 12

1 ¶ The burden of the word of the LORD upon Israel, said the LORD, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundation of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him.

2 Behold, I place Jerusalem as *a* cup of poison unto all the peoples round about and also unto *those of* Judah *who* shall be in the siege against Jerusalem.

3 And it shall be that in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone unto all peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, and all the Gentiles of the earth shall gather themselves together against her.

4 In that day, said the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment and his rider with madness; but I will open my eyes upon the house of Judah and will smite every horse of the peoples with blindness.

5 And the captains of Judah shall say in their heart, My strength *is* the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the LORD of the hosts, their God.

6 In that day I will make the captains of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood and like a torch of fire among *the* sheaves; and they shall devour all the peoples round about, on the right hand and on the left; and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.

7 And the LORD shall keep the tents of Judah *as* in the beginning, so that the glory of the house of David and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not *cause those of* Judah to magnify *themselves*.

8 In that day the LORD shall defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is weak among them in that time shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

9 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day *that* I will seek to destroy all the Gentiles that come against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem *the* Spirit of grace and of prayer, and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn over him as one mourns for *his* only son, afflicting themselves over him as one afflicts himself over *his* firstborn.

11 In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the land shall mourn, each family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

13 the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

14 all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Zechariah 13

1 ¶ In that time there shall be an open fountain for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem against sin and against uncleanness.

2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of the hosts, *that* I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no longer be remembered; and I will also cause the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness to be cut off out of the land.

3 And it shall come to pass, *that* when anyone else shall prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD; and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.

4 And it shall come to pass in that time, *that* the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision when he has prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:

5 but he shall say, I *am* no prophet, I *am* a husbandman of the land; for I learned this from man from my youth.

6 And *they* shall ask him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends.

7 ¶ Awake, O sword, upon the pastor and upon the man *that is* my fellow, said the LORD of the hosts; smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn my hand upon the little ones.

8 And it shall come to pass *that* in all the land, said the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off in her *and* shall be lost; but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will put the third part into the fire and will refine them as silver is refined and will try them as gold is tried; He shall call on my name, and I will hear him; I will say, My people, and he shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

Zechariah 14

1 ¶ Behold, the day of the LORD comes, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all the Gentiles against Jerusalem in battle, and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then the LORD shall go forth and fight against those Gentiles as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *making* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal; and ye shall flee like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah; and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all his saints with him.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day *that* the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark;

7 but it shall be one day which is known to the LORD, not day, nor night; but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time there shall be light.

8 ¶ And it shall be in that day *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem: half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in summer and in winter it shall be.

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD shall be one, and his name one.

10 All the land shall become a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and she shall be lifted up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate unto the gate of the corners, and *from* the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

11 And *men* shall dwell in it, and it shall never be anathema again; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

12 And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will smite all the peoples that fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day *that* a great destruction from the LORD shall be in them, for they shall lay hold each one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

14 And Judah also shall fight against Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the Gentiles round about shall be gathered together: gold and silver and apparel in great abundance.

15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that were in the armies.

16 ¶ And every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of the hosts, and to celebrate the feast of the tabernacles.

17 And it shall be *that* whoever will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of the hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up and does not come, there shall be no *rain* upon them; *instead* there shall be the plague, with which the LORD will smite the Gentiles that do not come up to celebrate the feast of the tabernacles.

19 This shall be *the punishment* of the sin of Egypt and of the sin of all the Gentiles that do not come up to celebrate the feast of the tabernacles.

20 In that day there shall be *written* upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21 And every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of the hosts; and all those that sacrifice shall come and take of them and cook therein; and in that time there shall be no more merchandizing in the house of the LORD of the hosts.

The Prophecy of
Malachi

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Malachi 1

1 ¶ The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel by the hand of Malachi.

2 I have loved you, said the LORD. Yet ye say, In what hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? said the LORD; yet I loved Jacob,

3 and I rejected Esau and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

4 When Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus hath the LORD of the hosts said, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The province of wickedness and the people against whom the LORD has indignation for ever.

5 And your eyes shall see and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified over the province of Israel.

6 ¶ The son honours *his* father and the slave his master; if then I *am* a father, where *is* my honour? and if I *am* a master, where *is* my fear? said the LORD of the hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, In what have we despised thy name?

7 Ye offer polluted bread upon my altar; and ye say, In what have we polluted thee? In that ye say, We die of hunger in the service of the LORD.

8 And when ye offer the blind *animal* for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? Likewise when ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer it now unto thy prince; will he be pleased with thee or accept thy person? said the LORD of the hosts.

9 And now, therefore, beseech the face of God, and he will have compassion on us; this has come by your hand: will he regard your persons? said the LORD of the hosts.

10 Who *is there* even among you that would shut the doors or tend *the fire* on my altar for free? I have no pleasure in you, said the LORD of the hosts, neither will the offering from your hand be agreeable unto me.

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name is great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense is offered unto my name, and a clean offering; for my name *is* great among the Gentiles, said the LORD of the hosts.

12 And ye have profaned it when ye say, We die of hunger at the service of the LORD and when ye speak that his food is contemptible.

13 And ye say, Behold, what a weariness *it is!* and ye have rejected it, said the LORD of the hosts; and ye brought *that which* was stolen or lame or sick and presented an offering: should this be acceptable unto me by your hand? said the LORD.

14 But cursed *be* the deceiver, who has in his flock a male and vows and sacrifices unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I *am* a great King, saith the LORD of the hosts, and my name *is* formidable among the Gentiles.

Malachi 2

1 ¶ And now, O ye priests, this commandment *is* for you.

2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay *it* to heart, to give glory unto my name, said the LORD of the hosts, I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yea, I have cursed them already because ye do not lay *it* to heart.

3 Behold, I reprehend *your* seed and spread the dung upon your faces, *even* the dung of your solemnities; and ye shall be removed with it.

4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, said the LORD of the hosts.

5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him *for* the fear with which he feared me and was broken before my name.

6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and righteousness and turned many away from iniquity.

7 For the priest's lips keep wisdom, and they seek the law at his mouth; for he *is an* angel of the LORD of the hosts.

8 But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble in the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, said the LORD of the hosts.

9 Therefore I have also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.

10 ¶ Have we not all one father? has not one God created us? why do we despise each man his brother by breaking the covenant of our fathers?

11 Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the holiness of the LORD by loving and marrying the daughter of a strange god.

12 The LORD will cut off the man that does this, the master and the scholar out of the tabernacles of Jacob and him that offers an offering unto the LORD of the hosts.

13 And once again ye shall cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, for I shall not even look at the offering any

more to receive *a* free will offering from your hand.

14 Yet ye say, Why? Because the LORD has been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously; yet she *is* thy companion and the wife of thy covenant.

15 And did he not make one, having in himself abundance of *the* Spirit? And why one? That he might seek offspring of God. Therefore take heed to your spirit and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 He that rejects her, sending her away, said the LORD God of Israel, covers the violence with his garment, said the LORD of the hosts; therefore take heed in your spirit, and do not be treacherous.

17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, In what have we wearied *him*? When ye say, Every one that does evil pleases the LORD, and he delights in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

Malachi 3

1 ¶ Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, and the angel of the covenant, whom ye desire: behold, he comes, said the LORD of the hosts.

2 But who may abide the time of his coming? and who shall stand when he appears? for he *shall be* like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap:

3 And he shall sit to refine and to purify the silver: for he shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem shall be pleasant unto the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

5 And I will come near unto you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers and against the adulterers and against false swearers and against those that oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and do not fear me, said the LORD of the hosts.

6 For I *am* the LORD, I have not changed; therefore, ye sons of Jacob have not been consumed.

7 ¶ Even from the days of your fathers, ye had departed from my ordinances and had never kept *them*. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, said the LORD of the hosts. But ye said, In what shall we return?

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, In what have we robbed thee? In the tithes and the offerings.

9 Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye, even this whole nation, have robbed me.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and there shall be food in my house, and prove me now in this, said the LORD of the hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*.

11 And I will reprehend the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of the ground; neither shall the vine in the field abort, said the LORD of the hosts.

12 And all the Gentiles shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, said the LORD of the hosts.

13 ¶ Your words have prevailed against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken against thee?

14 Ye have said, It *is* vain to serve God, and what profit *is it* that we have kept his law and that we walk mournfully before the LORD of the hosts?

15 We say, therefore, now, that blessed are the proud and even that those that work wickedness are prospered; *those that* tempted God have escaped.

16 Then those that feared the LORD spoke one to another, and the LORD hearkened and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before him for those that feared the LORD and for those that think in his name.

17 And they shall be mine, said the LORD of the hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son that serves him.

18 Therefore become ye converted, and ye shall make a difference between the just and the wicked, between him that serves God and him that did not serve him.

Malachi 4

1 ¶ For, behold, the day comes that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble; and the day that comes shall burn them up, said the LORD of the hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness be born, and in his wings he shall bring saving health; and ye shall go forth and jump like calves of the herd.

3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I make, said the LORD of the hosts.

4 ¶ Remember ye the law of Moses my slave, which I commanded unto him in Horeb statutes and my rights over all Israel.

5 Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD:

6 and he shall convert the heart of the fathers to the sons, and the heart of the sons to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with destruction.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

Matthew

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Matthew 1

1 ¶ The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham.

2 Abraham begat Isaac; Isaac begat Jacob; Jacob begat Judas and his brothers;

3 Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; Phares begat Esrom; Esrom begat Aram;

4 Aram begat Aminadab; Aminadab begat Naasson; Naasson begat Salmon;

5 Salmon begat Booz {Greek word for “Boaz”} of Rachab; Booz begat Obed of Ruth; Obed begat Jesse;

6 Jesse begat David the king; David the king begat Solomon of her *that had been the wife* of Urias;

7 Solomon begat Roboam; Roboam begat Abia; Abia begat Asa;

8 Asa begat Josaphat; Josaphat begat Joram; Joram begat Ozias;

9 Ozias begat Joatham; Joatham begat Achaz; Achaz begat Ezekias;

10 Ezekias begat Manasses; Manasses begat Amon; Amon begat Josias;

11 Josias begat Jechonias and his brothers, about the time they were carried away to Babylon;

12 after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; Salathiel begat Zorobabel;

13 Zorobabel begat Abiud; Abiud begat Eliakim; Eliakim begat Azor;

14 Azor begat Sadoc; Sadoc begat Achim; Achim begat Eliud;

15 Eliud begat Eleazar; Eleazar begat Matthan; Matthan begat Jacob;

16 Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations; from David until the carrying away into Babylon *are* fourteen generations; from the carrying away into Babylon unto the Christ *are* fourteen generations.

18 ¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was like this: That being, his mother Mary espoused to Joseph (before they came together) she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being just and not willing to expose her publicly, desired to leave her secretly.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in dreams, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall conceive and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God With Us.

24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him and took unto him his wife

25 and knew her not until she had brought forth her firstborn son, and he called his name Jesus.

Matthew 2

1 ¶ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? We have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he asked them where the Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea, for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda, for out of thee shall come a Leader that shall shepherd my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, calling the wise men unto him secretly, understood of them *with diligence* the time of the appearing of the star;

8 and sending them to Bethlehem, he said, Go there and search *diligently* for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again that I may come and worship him *also*.

9 ¶ When they had heard the king, they departed; and, behold, the star, which they had seen in the east, went before them until it arrived and stood over where the young child was.

10 Seeing the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And entering into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother; and falling down, they worshipped him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And being warned by divine revelation in dreams that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13 ¶ And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in dreams, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt and remain there until I bring thee word, for Herod will seek the young child to kill him.

14 And awaking, he took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt

15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

16 ¶ Then Herod, seeing that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth and sent forth and killed all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had understood of the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation and weeping and great mourning, Rachel was weeping *for* her children and would not be comforted because they perished.

19 ¶ But when Herod was dead, behold, *the* angel of the Lord appeared in dreams to Joseph in Egypt,

20 saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother and go into the land of Israel, for they are dead who sought the death of the young child.

21 And he arose and took the young child and his mother and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus reigned in Judaea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there; notwithstanding, being warned by divine revelation in dreams, he withdrew into the parts of Galilee,

23 and he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by the prophets, that he shall be called a Nazarene.

Matthew 3

1 ¶ In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea

2 and saying, Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, who said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair and a leathern girdle about his loins, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and all the region round about Jordan went out to him

6 and were baptized of him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 ¶ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who taught you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance

9 and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as *our* father, for I say unto you that God is able to raise up children unto Abraham of these stones.

10 And now the axe is also laid unto the root of the trees; therefore, every tree which does not bring forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance, but he that comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you in *the* Holy Spirit and fire,

12 whose fan *is* in his hand; and he will thoroughly purge his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the storehouse, but he will burn up the chaff with fire that shall never be quenched.

13 ¶ Then Jesus came from Galilee to Jordan unto John to be baptized of him.

14 But John resisted him much, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now, for thus it is expedient for us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, after he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, behold, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him;

17 and, behold, a voice from the heavens, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 4

1 ¶ Then Jesus was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards he was hungry.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou art the Son of God, command that these stones be made *into* bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil took him up into the holy city and set him on a pinnacle of the temple

6 and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down, for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil took him up into an exceeding high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them

9 and said unto him, All these things I will give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then Jesus said unto him, Get thee hence, Satan, for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil left him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

12 ¶ Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he returned to Galilee;

13 and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16 the people who sat in darkness saw great light, and to those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up.

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens is at hand.

18 ¶ And *Jesus*, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon, called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.

19 And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left *their* nets and followed him.

21 And going on from there, he saw another two brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father and followed him.

23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every sickness and every *bodily* weakness among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with diverse diseases and torments and those who were possessed with devils and those who were lunatic and those that were paralyzed; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, *from* Decapolis, *from* Jerusalem, *from* Judaea and *from* beyond Jordan.

Matthew 5

- 1 ¶ And seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain; and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him;
- 2 and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,
- 3 ¶ Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.
- 4 Blessed *are* those that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 Blessed *are* the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 Blessed *are* the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.
- 10 Blessed *are* those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.
- 11 Blessed are ye when *men* shall revile you and persecute *you* and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.
- 12 Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in the heavens; for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- 13 ¶ Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its savour, with what shall it be salted? From then on it is good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men.
- 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city set upon a mountain cannot be hid.
- 15 Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on the lampstand, and it gives light unto all that are in the house.
- 16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in the heavens.
- 17 ¶ Think not that I am come to undo the law or the prophets; I am not come to undo, but to fulfil.
- 18 For verily I say unto you, Until heaven and earth pass *away*, not one jot or one tittle shall pass from the law until all is fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall undo one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of the heavens; but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of the heavens.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of the heavens.

21 ¶ Ye have heard that it was said to the ancients, Thou shalt not commit murder, and whosoever shall commit murder shall be guilty of the judgment;

22 but I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother out of control shall be in danger of the judgment, and whosoever shall insult his brother shall be in danger of the council, but whosoever shall say, Thou art impious, shall be in danger of hell.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there remember that thy brother has something against thee;

24 leave thy gift there before the altar, and go; first restore friendship with thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25 Conciliate with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out of there, until thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

27 ¶ Ye have heard that it was said to the ancients, Thou shalt not commit adultery;

28 but I say unto you, That whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 Therefore if thy right eye should bring thee occasion to stumble, pluck it out and cast *it* from thee; for it is better for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand should bring thee occasion to stumble, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is better for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

31 It was also said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a bill of divorce;

32 but I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, except for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery.

33 ¶ Again, ye have heard that it was said to the ancients, Thou shalt not perjure thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths;

34 but I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by the heaven, for it is God's throne,

35 nor by the earth, for it is his footstool, neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yes, yes; No, no; for whatsoever is more than this comes of evil.

38 ¶ Ye have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth;

39 but I say unto you, That ye resist not with evil, but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if anyone desires to sue thee at the law, and take away thy clothing, let him have *thy* cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him two.

42 Give to him that asks *of* thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 ¶ Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless those that curse you, do good to those that hate you, and pray for those who speak evil about you, and persecute you;

45 that ye may be sons of your Father who is in the heavens, for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love those who love you, what reward shall ye have? Do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye embrace your brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? Do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father who is in the heavens is perfect.

Matthew 6

1 ¶ Take heed not to do your alms {lit. acts of mercy} before men, to be seen of them; otherwise, ye have no reward of your Father who is in the heavens.

2 Therefore, when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They *already* have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth

4 that thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father who sees in secret, he shall reward thee openly.

5 ¶ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They already have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy chamber, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father who sees in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the worldly *do*, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them, for your Father knows what things ye have need of before ye ask him.

9 ¶ Ye, therefore, are to pray like this: Our Father who art in the heavens, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And set us free *from* our debts, as we set free our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

14 For if ye set men free *from* their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also set you free;

15 but if ye do not set men free *from* their trespasses, neither will your Father set you free *from* your trespasses.

16 ¶ Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance, for they disfigure their faces that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They *already* have their reward.

17 But thou, when thou dost fast, anoint thine head, and wash thy face

18 that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father, who sees in secret, shall reward thee openly.

19 ¶ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal;

20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal;

21 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye is sincere, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye is evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If, therefore, the light that is in thee is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

24 No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and riches.

25 ¶ Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than food, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they reap nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin;

29 and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Therefore, if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed?

32 (For the Gentiles seek after all these things.) For your heavenly Father knows that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the affliction thereof.

Matthew 7

1 ¶ Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with the judgment with which ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with the measure with which ye measure, ye shall be measured again.

3 And why dost thou behold the mote that is in thy brother's eye but dost not consider the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam *is* in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou be able to see to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet and turn again and rend you.

7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you;

8 for every one that asks receives, and he that seeks finds, and to him that knocks it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom, if his son asks *for* bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks *for* fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in the heavens give good things to those that ask him?

12 ¶ Therefore, all things whatsoever ye desire that men should do unto you, so also shall ye do unto them, for this is the law and the prophets.

13 Enter ye in at the narrow gate, for the way that leads to destruction is wide and spacious, and those who follow it are many;

14 because narrow *is* the gate, and confined *is* the way which leads unto life, and there are few that find it.

15 ¶ Keep yourselves also from the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit, but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.

20 So that by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 ¶ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in the heavens.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore, whosoever hears these words of mine and does them, I will liken him unto a prudent man, who built his house upon the rock;

25 and the rain descended, and the rivers came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, and it did not fall, for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that hears these words of mine and does not do them shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand;

27 and the rain descended, and the rivers came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it.

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these words, the multitude marvelled at his doctrine;

29 for he taught them as *one* having authority and not as the scribes.

Matthew 8

1 ¶ When he was come down from the mountain, many people followed him.

2 And, behold, a leper came and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou art willing, thou art able to cleanse me.

3 And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4 Then Jesus said unto him, See thou tell no one; but go, show thyself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

5 ¶ And when Jesus was entering into Capernaum, a centurion came unto him, beseeching him,

6 and saying, Lord, my servant lies at home paralyzed, grievously tormented.

7 And Jesus said unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou should come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my slave, Do this, and he does *it*.

10 When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled and said to those that followed, Verily I say unto you that not even in Israel have I found such faith.

11 But I say unto you, That many shall come from *the* east and west and shall sit down *at the table* with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of the heavens.

12 But the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 Then Jesus said unto the centurion, Go, and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in that same hour.

14 ¶ And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother lying in bed and with fever.

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose and ministered unto them.

16 When evening was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils, and he cast out the spirits with the word and healed all that were sick

17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, He took our infirmities and bore *our* sicknesses.

18 ¶ Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he commanded that they depart unto the other side.

19 And a certain scribe came and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee wherever thou goest.

20 And Jesus said unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven *have* nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay *his* head.

21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead.

23 ¶ And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And, behold, there arose a great moving in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves; but he was asleep.

25 And his disciples came to *him* and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us; we perish.

26 And he said unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then, awake, he rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this that even the winds and the sea obey him!

28 ¶ And when he was come to the other side, into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with demons, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come here to torment us before the time?

30 And there was a good way off from them a herd of many swine feeding.

31 So the demons besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine; and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea and perished in the waters.

33 And those that fed them fled and went into the city and told everything and what was befallen to the *ones* possessed of the demons.

34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they besought *him* that he would depart out of their borders.

Matthew 9

1 ¶ And he entered into a ship and passed over and came into his own city.

2 And, behold, they brought him a paralyzed man, lying on a bed; and Jesus, seeing their faith, said unto the paralyzed man, Trust, son; thy sins are forgiven thee.

3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemes.

4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Why think ye evil in your hearts?

5 For what is easier, to say, *Thy* sins are forgiven thee, or to say, Arise, and walk?

6 But that ye may know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins (then said he to the paralyzed man), Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

7 Then he arose and departed to his house.

8 And the multitude, seeing *it*, marvelled and glorified God, who had given such power unto men.

9 ¶ And as Jesus passed forth from there, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom; and he said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

10 And it came to pass, as he sat at food in *his* house, behold, many publicans and sinners that had come sat down at the table with Jesus and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why does your Master eat with publicans and sinners?

12 But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, Those that are whole need not a physician, but those that are sick.

13 Therefore go ye and learn what this is, I will have mercy and not sacrifice, for I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

14 ¶ Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but thy disciples do not fast?

15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the sons of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the

bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then they shall fast.

16 No one mends an old garment with a piece of new cloth, for that patch takes from the garment, and the rent is made worse.

17 Neither do they put new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the wineskins break, and the wine runs out, and the wineskins perish; but they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved together.

18 ¶ While he spoke these things unto them, behold, a certain ruler came and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead; but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

19 And Jesus arose and followed him, and so *did* his disciples.

20 And, behold, a woman who was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years came behind *him* and touched the hem of his garment;

21 for she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be free.

22 But Jesus turned around, and when he saw her, he said, Trust, daughter; thy faith has made thee free. And the woman was free from that hour.

23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

24 he said unto them, Give place, for the maid is not dead, but sleeps. And they laughed him to scorn.

25 But when the people were put forth, he went in and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

26 And the fame of this went abroad into all that land.

27 ¶ And when Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed him, crying out and saying, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yes, Lord.

29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See *that* no one knows *it*.

31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

32 And as they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a demon.

33 And when the demon was cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the multitude marvelled, saying, Such a thing has never been seen in Israel.

34 But the Pharisees said, He casts out demons through the prince of the demons.

35 ¶ And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every sickness and every weakness among the people.

36 And when he saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion on them because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then he said unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few;

38 pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 10

1 ¶ Then calling his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of weakness.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: the first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son* of Zebedee and John his brother;

3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the publican; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the Canaanite and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5 ¶ These twelve Jesus sent forth and commanded them, saying, Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter into *any* city of the Samaritans,

6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of the heavens has come.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons; freely ye have received, freely give.

9 Provide neither gold nor silver nor money in your girdles,

10 nor bag for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes nor a staff, for the workman is worthy of his food.

11 And into whatever city or town ye shall enter, search out *with diligence* who in it is worthy; and there abide until ye go from there.

12 And entering into the house, salute it.

13 And if the house is worthy, your peace shall come upon it; but if it is not worthy, your peace shall return to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you nor hear your words, depart out of that house or city and shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of those of Sodom and those of Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

16 ¶ Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore prudent as serpents and innocent as doves.

17 But keep yourselves from men, for they will deliver you up in councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

18 and ye shall even be brought before princes and kings for my sake, for testimony unto them and to the Gentiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

21 And brother shall deliver up brother unto death, and *the* father *the* child, and children shall rise up against *their* parents and cause them to be put to death.

22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name, but he that endures to the end shall be saved.

23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another, for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel until the Son of man be come.

24 The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the slave above his lord.

25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the slave as his lord. If they have called the husband of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call* those of his household?

26 Fear them not therefore, for there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, nor hid that shall not be known.

27 What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light, and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye from the housetops.

28 And fear not those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul, but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Fear ye not, therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows.

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in *the* heavens.

33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in the heavens.

34 Think not that I have come to introduce peace into the land; I came not to introduce peace, but a sword.

35 For I have come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

36 And a man's foes *shall be* those of his own household.

37 He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And he that does not take his *cross* {Gr. Stauros – stake} and follow after me is not worthy of me.

39 He that finds his life shall lose it, and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it.

40 He that receives you receives me, and he that receives me receives him that sent me.

41 He that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward, and he that receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of *a* disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Matthew 11

1 ¶ And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished giving commandments to his twelve disciples, he departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of the Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

3 and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and tell John those things which you hear and see:

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

6 And blessed is he who is not offended in me.

7 ¶ And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those that wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses.

9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is *he* of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist; notwithstanding, he that is least in the kingdom of the heavens is greater than he.

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now, life is given unto the kingdom of the heavens, and the valiant take hold of it.

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 And if ye will receive *it*, this is that Elijah who was to come.

15 He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 ¶ But unto whom shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets and shouting unto their fellows

17 and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a devil.

19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified by her children.

20 Then he began to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done because they repented not:

21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment than for you.

23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to Hades, for if the mighty works which have been done in thee had been done in those of Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24 Therefore I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee.

25 ¶ At that time Jesus answered and said, I praise thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and understanding and hast revealed them unto children.

26 Even so, Father, for thus it was pleasing in thy sight.

27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father, and no one has known the Son but the Father, neither has anyone known the Father except the Son and *he* unto whom the Son will reveal *him*.

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 12

1 ¶ At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the planted fields, and his disciples were hungry and began to pluck the ears of grain and to eat.

2 But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, and those that were with him, when he was hungry,

4 how he entered into the house of God and ate the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath and are blameless?

6 But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple.

7 But if ye knew what *this* means, I will have mercy and not sacrifice, ye would not condemn the innocent.

8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

9 And when he was departed from there, he went into their synagogue;

10 and, behold, there was a man who had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you that shall have one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it and lift *it* out?

12 Therefore, how much more is a man worth than a sheep? So that it is lawful to do good on the sabbath days.

13 Then he said to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like the other.

14 ¶ Then the Pharisees went out and took council against him that they might destroy him.

15 But when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew himself from there; and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

16 and *strictly* charged them that they should not make him known;
17 so that it which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, who said,
18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased; I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall declare judgment unto the Gentiles.
19 He shall not strive nor cry, neither shall anyone hear his voice in the streets.
20 A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoking flax he shall not quench until he sends forth judgment unto victory.
21 And in his name shall the Gentiles wait.
22 ¶ Then was brought unto him one possessed with a demon, blind, and dumb, and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spoke and saw.
23 And all the people were amazed and said, Is not this the son of David?
24 But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* does not cast out demons but by Beelzebub the prince of the demons.
25 And Jesus knew their thoughts and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself shall not remain;
26 and if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom remain?
27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they shall be your judges.
28 But if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of God, then certainly the kingdom of God is come unto you.
29 Or else how can one enter into the strong man's house and spoil his goods except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.
30 He that is not with me is against me, and he that does not gather with me scatters abroad.
31 Therefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit shall not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him, but whosoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this age, neither in the *age* to come.

33 Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by *its* fruit.

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

35 The good man out of the good treasure of the heart brings forth good things, and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

38 ¶ Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we desire to see a sign from thee.

39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and there no sign shall be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah;

40 for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, a greater than Jonah *is* here.

42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it, for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon *is* here.

43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of the man, it walks through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.

44 Then it says, I will return into my house from which I came out; and when it is come, it finds *it* empty, swept, and garnished.

45 Then it goes and takes with itself seven other spirits worse than itself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it also be unto this wicked generation.

46 ¶ While he yet talked to the people, behold, *his* mother and his brothers stood without, desiring to speak with him.

47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brothers stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brothers?

49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brothers!

50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in the heavens, the same is my brother and sister and mother.

Matthew 13

1 ¶ The same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea side.

2 And a great multitude was gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship and sat, and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 And he spoke many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went forth to sow;

4 and when he sowed, some *of the seed* fell beside the way, and the fowls came and devoured them up.

5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth; and forthwith they sprang up because they had no deepness of earth;

6 and when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

8 But some fell into good ground and brought forth fruit: one a hundredfold and another sixtyfold and another thirtyfold.

9 *He* who has ears to hear, let him hear.

10 Then the disciples came and said unto him, Why dost thou speak unto them in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens, but to them it is not given.

12 For whosoever has, to him shall be given, and he shall have in abundance; but whosoever has not, from him shall be taken away even that *which* he has.

13 Therefore, I speak to them in parables because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says, By hearing ye shall hear and shall not understand, and seeing ye shall see and shall not perceive;

15 for this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears and should understand with *their* heart and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16 But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see and have not seen *them* and to hear *those things* which ye hear and have not heard *them*.

18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand *it*, then the wicked *one* comes and catches away that which was sown in his heart. This is he who was planted beside the way.

20 But he that was planted in stony places, the same is he that hears the word and receives it immediately with joy;

21 yet he has no root in himself but is temporal, for when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 And he that was planted among the thorns is he that hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

23 But he that was planted in good ground is he that hears the word and understands *it* and who also bears the fruit and brings forth: one a hundredfold and another sixty and another thirty.

24 ¶ He put forth another parable unto them, saying, The kingdom of the heavens is likened unto a man who sows good seed in his field

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went away.

26 But when the blade was sprung up and brought forth fruit, then the tares appeared also.

27 So the slaves of the husband of the house came and said unto him, Lord, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? From where then does it have tares?

28 He said unto them, *The* enemy, a man, has done this. The slaves said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, No, lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.

31 He put forth another parable unto them, saying, The kingdom of the heavens is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field;

32 which indeed is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and make their nests in its branches.

33 He spoke another parable unto them: The kingdom of the heavens is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened.

34 Jesus spoke all these things unto the multitude in parables and said nothing unto them without parables

35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house, and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He answered and said unto them, He that sows the good seed is the Son of man;

38 the field is the world; the good seed are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked;

39 and the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this age.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and those who do iniquity

42 and shall cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. *He* who has ears to hear, let him hear.

44 ¶ Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like unto treasure hid in the field, which when found, a man hides it and, for the joy thereof, goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls,

46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like unto a net that was cast into the sea and gathered of every kind *of fish*,

48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore and sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49 So shall it be at the end of the age; the angels shall come forth and separate the wicked from among the just

50 and shall cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

51 Jesus said unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They answered unto him, Yes, Lord.

52 And he said unto them, Therefore every scribe *who is* instructed in the kingdom of the heavens is like unto a man, a husband of a house, who brings forth out of his treasure *things* new and old.

53 ¶ And it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed from there.

54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished and said, From where does this *man* have this wisdom and *these* mighty works?

55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? From where then does this *man* have all these things?

57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour except in his own country and in his own house.

58 And he did not *do* many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Matthew 14

- 1 ¶ At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus
2 and said unto his slaves, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do show forth themselves in him.
3 For Herod had laid hold on John and bound him and put *him* in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.
4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.
5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude because they counted him as a prophet.
6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.
7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatever she would ask.
8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John the Baptist's head in a platter.
9 And the king was sorry; nevertheless because of the oath and of those who sat with him at the table, he commanded *it* to be given *her*.
10 And he sent and beheaded John in the prison.
11 And his head was brought in a platter and given to the damsel, and she brought *it* to her mother.
12 And his disciples came and took up the body and buried it and went and told Jesus.
13 ¶ When Jesus heard *of it*, he departed from there by ship into a desert place apart; and when the people had heard *of it*, they followed him on foot out of the cities.
14 And Jesus went forth and saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.
15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.
16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.
17 And they said unto him, We have here but five loaves and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them here to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass and took the five loaves and the two fishes; and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke and gave the loaves to *his* disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they all ate and were filled, and they took up of the fragments that remained, twelve baskets full.

21 And those that had eaten were about five thousand men besides women and children.

22 ¶ And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship and to go before him unto the other side while he sent the multitude away.

23 And when he had sent the multitude away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray; and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went unto them, walking upon the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking upon the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a ghost; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spoke unto them, saying, Trust *that* I AM; be not afraid.

28 Then Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me *to* come unto thee upon the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked upon the water to go to Jesus.

30 But seeing that the wind was strong, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand and caught him and said unto him, O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then those that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Truly thou art *the* Son of God.

34 ¶ And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about and brought unto him all that were sick

36 and besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment, and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

Matthew 15

1 ¶ Then certain scribes and Pharisees of Jerusalem came unto Jesus, saying,
2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother, and, He that curses father or mother, let him die without recourse.

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, Whatever I might have helped thee with is already my offering *unto God*,

6 and *now* has no need to honour his father or his mother *with succour*. Thus ye have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.

7 Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draws nigh unto me with their mouth and honours me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain do they worship me, teaching doctrines and commandments of men.

10 ¶ And calling the multitude unto him, he said unto them, Hear and understand:

11 not that which goes into the mouth defiles the man; but that which comes out of the mouth, this defiles the man.

12 Then his disciples came and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this word?

13 But he answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up.

14 Let them alone; they are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into a pit.

15 Then Peter answered and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.

16 And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?

17 Do not ye yet understand that whatever enters in at the mouth goes into the belly and is cast out into the draught?

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart, and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 these are *the things* which defile the man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man.

21 ¶ Then Jesus left there and departed into the parts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan having come out of the same borders cried unto him, saying, Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me; my daughter is sick, possessed by a demon.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away, for she cries *out* after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then she came and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not good to take the children's bread and to cast *it* to the little dogs.

27 And she said, Yes, Lord, yet the little dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou desire. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

29 ¶ And Jesus left there and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee and went up into the mountain and sat down there.

30 And many people came unto him, having with them *those that were* lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many other sick and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them,

31 insomuch that the multitude wondered when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see, and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 Then Jesus called his disciples *unto him* and said, I have mercy on the multitude because they persevere with me now three days and have nothing to eat, and I desire not to send them away fasting lest they faint in the way.

33 Then his disciples say unto him, From where *do* we have so much bread in the wilderness as to satisfy so great a multitude?

34 And Jesus said unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven and a few little fishes.

35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.

36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes and gave thanks and broke *them* and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

37 And they all ate and were filled, and they took up of the broken *food* that was left seven baskets full.

38 And those that ate were four thousand men besides women and children.

39 And he sent away the multitude and took ship and came into the borders of Magdala.

Matthew 16

1 ¶ The Pharisees and the Sadducees came to tempt him; they asked him to show them a sign from the heaven.

2 But he answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, *It will be* fair weather, for the heaven *is glowing* with an aurora.

3 And in the morning, *It will be* foul weather today, for the heaven has an aurora and is cloudy. O ye hypocrites, ye know how to make decisions based on the face of the heaven, and regarding the signs of the times are ye unable?

4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and no sign shall be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah. And he left them and departed.

5 ¶ And when his disciples were coming from the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and keep *yourselves* from the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have taken no bread.

8 *Which* when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves that ye have brought no bread?

9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

11 How is it that ye do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread that ye should keep *yourselves* from the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

12 Then they understood that he bade *them* not to keep themselves from the leaven of bread, but from the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

13 ¶ When Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some say *that thou art* John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

15 He said unto them, But who say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father who is in the heavens.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, *a small rock* and upon the *large rock* I will build my *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against her.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever thou shalt bind on the earth shall be bound in the heavens, and whatever thou shalt loose on the earth shall be loosed in the heaven.

20 Then he charged his disciples that they should tell no one that he was Jesus the Christ.

21 ¶ From that time forth Jesus began to declare unto his disciples, how it was expedient for him to go unto Jerusalem and to suffer many things of the elders and the princes of the priests and of the scribes and to be killed and to be raised again the third day.

22 Then Peter, taking him aside, began to rebuke him, saying, Lord, be it far from thee; in no wise shall this happen unto thee.

23 But he turned and said unto Peter, Remove thyself from before me, Satan; thou art an offence unto me, for thou dost not understand that which is of God, but that which *is* of men.

24 ¶ Then Jesus said unto his disciples, If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his *cross* {Gr. Stauros – stake} and follow me.

25 For whosoever desires to save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he shall reward everyone according to their works.

28 Verily I say unto you, There are some standing here who shall not taste of death until they have seen the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Matthew 17

1 ¶ And after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, his brother, and brought them apart up into a high mountain

2 and [he] was transfigured before them, and his face shined as the sun, and his raiment was *as* white as the light.

3 And, behold, Moses and Elijah appeared unto them talking with him.

4 Then Peter answered and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to remain here; if thou desire, let us make three tabernacles here: one for thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah.

5 While he yet spoke, behold, a cloud of light overshadowed them, and, behold, a voice out of the cloud, *which* said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

6 And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and feared greatly.

7 Then Jesus came and touched them and said, Arise and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus only.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man is risen from the dead.

10 Then his disciples asked him, saying, Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?

11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elijah truly shall come first and restore all things.

12 But I say unto you, That Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatever they pleased. Likewise the Son of man shall also suffer of them.

13 Then the disciples understood that he spoke unto them of John the Baptist.

14 ¶ And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a *certain* man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is lunatic and suffers miserably; for many times he has fallen into the fire and often into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17 Then Jesus answered and said, O unfaithful and crooked generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him here to me.

18 And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon departed out of him and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus apart and said, Why could not we cast him out?

20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unfaithfulness; for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove from here to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

21 Howbeit this lineage *of demons* does not go out but by prayer and fasting.

22 ¶ And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men;

23 and they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

24 ¶ And when they were come to Capernaum, those that received the two drachmas came to Peter and said, Does not your master pay the two drachmas?

25 He said, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus spoke unto him first, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own sons or of strangers?

26 Peter said unto him, Of strangers. Jesus said unto him, Then the sons are free.

27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea and cast a hook and take up the first fish that comes up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a stater, *a coin worth four drachmas*; take that, and give it unto them for me and thee.

Matthew 18

1 ¶ At the same time the disciples came unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of the heavens?

2 And Jesus called a little child unto him and set him in the midst of them

3 and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of the heavens.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of the heavens.

5 And whosoever shall receive one such little child in my name receives me.

6 But whosoever shall cause one of these little ones who believe in me to fall, it would be better for him that a millstone such as is turned by an ass be hanged about his neck and *that* he be sunk in the depth of the sea.

7 ¶ Woe unto the world because of offenses! For it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

8 Therefore if thy hand or thy foot cause thee to fall, cut them off and cast *them* from thee; it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into eternal fire.

9 And if thine eye causes thee to fall, pluck it out and cast *it* from thee; it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the hell of fire.

10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in the heavens their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in the heavens.

11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

12 What *do* you think? If a man had a hundred sheep and one of them went astray, would he not leave the ninety-nine and go into the mountains and seek that which is gone astray?

13 And if so be that he finds it, verily I say unto you, he rejoices more of that *one* than of the ninety-nine who *did* not go astray.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in the heavens that one of these little ones should perish.

15 ¶ Therefore if thy brother shall sin against thee, go and reprove him between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16 But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the *congregation*; {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} but if he neglects to hear the *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} let him be unto thee as a worldly man and a publican.

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in the heaven; and whatever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in the heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father who is in the heavens.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

21 ¶ Then Peter came to him and said, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? until seven times?

22 Jesus said unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times, but, Until seventy times seven.

23 Therefore is the kingdom of the heavens likened unto a man who is king who would take account of his slaves.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But he not having *wherewith* to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children and all that he had, to make payment.

26 The slave therefore fell down and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that slave was moved with compassion and loosed him and forgave him the debt.

28 But as the same slave was leaving, he found one of his fellowslaves who owed him a hundred denarius, and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me what thou owest.

29 And his fellowslave fell down at his feet and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not, but went and cast him into prison until he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellowslaves saw what was done, they were very grieved and came and declared unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked slave, I forgave thee all that debt because thou didst beseech me;

33 was it not also expedient unto thee to have mercy on thy fellowslave even as I had mercy on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth and delivered him to the tormentors until he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you unless from your hearts ye forgive every one his brother their trespasses.

Matthew 19

1 ¶ And it came to pass *that* when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee and came into the borders of Judaea beyond the Jordan;

2 and a great multitude followed him, and he healed them there.

3 ¶ Then the Pharisees came unto him, tempting him and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for any cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he who made *them* at the beginning made them male and female?

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and they shall be two in one flesh.

6 Therefore they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.

7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a bill of divorce and to put her away?

8 He said unto them, Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, suffered you to put away your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication and shall marry another, commits adultery, and whosoever marries her that is put away commits adultery.

10 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with *his* wife, it is not expedient to marry.

11 But he said unto them, Everyone cannot receive this word, except *those* unto whom it is given.

12 For there are some eunuchs who were so born from *their* mother's womb; and there are some eunuchs who were made eunuchs of men; and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs because of the kingdom of the heavens. He that is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*.

13 ¶ Then were there brought unto him little children that he should put *his* hands on them and pray, and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of the heavens.

15 And he laid *his* hands on them and departed from there.

16 ¶ And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?

17 And he said unto him, Why dost thou call me good? *There is none good but one, that is, God*, but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18 He said unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt not murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

19 Honour thy father and *thy* mother, and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man said unto him, All these things I have kept from my youth up; what do I lack?

21 Jesus said unto him, If thou desire to be perfect, go *and* sell what thou hast and give it to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come *and* follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that word, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 ¶ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, It is difficult that a rich man shall enter into the kingdom of the heavens.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier to put a cable through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 But his disciples hearing these things were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But Jesus beheld *them* and said unto them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

27 Then Peter answered and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, to judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one that has forsaken houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for my name's sake shall receive a hundredfold and shall inherit eternal life.

30 But many *that are* first shall be last, and *many of the* last *shall be* first.

Matthew 20

1 ¶ For the kingdom of the heavens is like unto a man, the husband of a house, who went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace

4 and said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you. And they went.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle and said unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7 They say unto him, Because no one has hired us. He said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatever is right, *that* shall ye receive.

8 So when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard said unto his steward, Call the labourers and give them *their* hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

9 And when those came that *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they received every man a denarius.

10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more but they likewise received each one a denarius.

11 And when they had received *it*, they murmured against the husband of the house,

12 saying, These last have worked *but* one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us who have borne the burden and heat of the day.

13 But he answered one of them and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong; didst not thou agree with me for a denarius?

14 Take that which is thine and go, for I desire to give unto this last one, even as unto thee.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil because I am good?

16 So the first shall be last, and the last first; for many are called, but few *are* chosen.

17 ¶ And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way and said unto them,

18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the princes of the priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death

19 and shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify; {Gr. stauroo – Hang on a stake} and the third day he shall rise again.

20 ¶ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, worshipping *him* and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What dost thou desire? She said unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit the one on thy right hand and the other on the left in thy kingdom.

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23 And he said unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to those* for whom it is prepared of my Father.

24 And when the ten heard *it*, they were moved with indignation against the two brothers.

25 But Jesus called them *unto him* and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and those that are great wield power over them.

26 But it shall not be so among you, but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

27 and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your slave,

28 even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many.

29 ¶ And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.

30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us.

31 And the multitude rebuked them, that they should be silent; but they cried the more, saying, Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us.

32 And Jesus stood still and called them and said, What desire ye that I shall do unto you?

33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

34 Then Jesus, having mercy *on them*, touched their eyes; and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Matthew 21

1 ¶ And when they drew near unto Jerusalem and were come to Bethphage unto the mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied and a colt with her; loose *them* and bring *them* unto me.

3 And if anyone says anything unto you, ye shall say, The Lord has need of them; and straightway he will send them.

4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 Say unto the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King comes unto thee, meek and sitting upon an ass and a colt the foal of a *beast* under yoke.

6 And the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them

7 and brought the ass and the colt and put on them their clothes, and he sat upon them.

8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* in the way.

9 And the people that went before and that followed, cried out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed *is* he that comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

12 ¶ And Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all those that sold and bought in the temple and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those that sold doves

13 and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called *the* house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

15 But when the princes of the priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did and the children crying out in the temple and saying,

Hosanna to the Son of David, they were sore displeased

16 and said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus said unto them, Yes; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of children and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

17 And he left them and went out of the city into Bethany, and he lodged there.

18 ¶ Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.

19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it and found nothing upon it, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee from now on for ever. And then the fig tree withered away.

20 And when the disciples saw *it*, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith and doubt not, ye shall not only do this to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, it shall be done.

22 And all things, whatever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

23 ¶ And when he was come into the temple, the princes of the priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you a word, which if ye tell me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

25 The baptism of John, where was it from? from heaven or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven, he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?

26 But if we shall say, Of men, we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.

27 And they answered Jesus and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

28 ¶ But what do you think? A *certain* man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not, but afterward he repented and went.

30 And he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, *I will go*, Lord, and went not.

31 Which of the two did the will of *his* father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go ahead of you into the kingdom of God.

32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not, but the publicans and the harlots believed him, and ye, when ye had seen *it*, repented not afterward that ye might believe him.

33 ¶ Hear another parable: There was a certain husband of a house who planted a vineyard and hedged it round about and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and let it out to husbandmen and went into a far country,

34 and when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his slaves to the husbandmen that they might receive the fruits of it.

35 And the husbandmen took his slaves and beat one and killed another and stoned another.

36 Again, he sent other slaves more than the first, and they did unto them likewise.

37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us take his inheritance.

39 And they took hold of him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and slew *him*.

40 Therefore, when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

41 They say unto him, He will destroy those wicked men without mercy and will let out *his* vineyard unto other husbandmen who shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

42 Jesus said unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a people bringing forth the fruits thereof.

44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken, but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

45 And as the princes of the priests and Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he spoke of them.

46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude because they held him as a prophet.

Matthew 22

- 1 ¶ And Jesus answered and spoke unto them again by parables and said,
2 The kingdom of the heavens is like unto a certain man, a king, who made a marriage *feast* for his son
3 and sent forth his slaves to call those that were invited to the wedding, and they would not come.
4 Again, he sent forth other slaves, saying, Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my bulls and *my* fatlings *are* killed, and all things *are* ready; come unto the marriage.
5 But they made light of *it* and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise,
6 and the others took his slaves and entreated *them* spitefully and slew *them*.
7 But when the king heard of *this*, he became angry and sent forth his armies and destroyed those murderers and burned up their city.
8 Then he said to his slaves, The wedding is ready, but those who were called were not worthy.
9 Go ye therefore into the entrances of the highways and call as many as ye shall find to the marriage.
10 So those slaves went out into the highways and gathered together everyone that they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was filled with guests.
11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who did not have on a wedding garment,
12 and he said unto him, Friend, how didst thou come in here not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.
13 Then the king said to the slaves, Bind him hand and foot and take him away and cast *him* into the darkness outside; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
14 For many are called, but few *are* chosen.
15 ¶ Then the Pharisees left and took counsel how they might entangle him in *his* word.

16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with those of Herod, saying, Master, we know that thou art a lover of truth and teachest the way of God with truth and that thou takest care for no *man*, for thou art no respecter of persons of men.

17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar or not?

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

19 Show me the coin of the tribute. And they presented unto him a denarius.

20 And he said unto them, Whose *is* this image and supion?

21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then said he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's.

22 When they had heard *these words*, they marvelled and left him and went away.

23 ¶ The same day the Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,

24 saying, Master, Moses said, If a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up seed unto his brother.

25 Now there were with us seven brothers, and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no seed, left his wife unto his brother;

26 likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.

27 And last of all the woman died also.

28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

29 Then Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God.

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which is spoken unto you by God, who saith,

32 I AM the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of *the* dead, but of *the* living.

33 And when the multitude heard *this*, they were astonished at his doctrine.

34 ¶ Then the Pharisees, hearing that he had put the Sadducees to silence, gathered together.

35 And one of them, *who was* an interpreter of the law, asked *him a question*, tempting him and saying,

36 Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

41 ¶ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

42 saying, What think ye of the Christ? Whose son is he? They say unto him, *The Son* of David.

43 He said unto them, How then does David in Spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

45 If David then calls him Lord, how is he his son?

46 And no one was able to answer him a word, neither dared anyone from that day forth ask him any more *questions*.

Matthew 23

- 1 ¶ Then Jesus spoke to the multitude and to his disciples,
2 saying, The scribes and the Pharisees have sat down in Moses' seat;
3 therefore, whatever they bid you to observe, observe it and do it, but do not act according to their works, for they say and do not *do it*.
4 For they bind burdens that are heavy and grievous to bear and lay *them* on men's shoulders, but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers.
5 But they do all their works that they may be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries and enlarge the borders of their garments
6 and love the first place at feasts and the chief seats in the synagogues
7 and greetings in the markets and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.
8 But, *as for* you, desire not to be called Rabbi, for one is your Master, the Christ; and you are all brothers.
9 And call no one your father upon the earth, for one is your Father, who is in the heavens.
10 Neither be ye called masters, for one is your Master, the Christ.
11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled, and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.
13 ¶ But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of the heavens in front of men, for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye those that are entering to go in.
14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses and for a pretence make long prayer; therefore, ye shall receive the greater judgment.
15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more a son of hell than yourselves.
16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, who say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

17 Ye fools and blind, for which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold?

18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever swears by the gift that is upon it, he is a debtor.

19 Ye fools and blind, for which one *is* greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift?

20 Whosoever therefore shall swear by the altar, swears by it and by all things thereon.

21 And whosoever shall swear by the temple, swears by it and by Him that dwells therein.

22 And he that shall swear by the heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him that sits thereon.

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted that which is more important of the law: judgment, mercy, and faith; these were expedient for ye to have done, and not to leave the other *undone*.

24 Ye blind guides, who strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup or of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and incontinence.

26 *Thou* blind Pharisee, cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter that the outside of them may be clean also.

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whitewashed sepulchres, who indeed appear beautiful outside, but inside are full of dead *men's* bones and of all uncleanness.

28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the sepulchres of the righteous

30 and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

31 Therefore ye are witnesses unto yourselves that ye are the sons of those who murdered the prophets.

32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the judgment of hell?

34 ¶ Therefore, behold, I send unto you prophets and wise men and scribes, and *some* of them ye shall kill and crucify, {Gr. stauroo – Hang on a stake} and *some* of them ye shall scourge in your synagogues and persecute *them* from city to city,

35 that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye murdered between the temple and the altar.

36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that didst kill the prophets and stone those who are sent unto thee, how often I desired to gather thy children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me from now on until ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 24

1 ¶ And Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and his disciples came to *him* to show him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming and of the end of the age?

4 ¶ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no one deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ, and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that ye be not troubled, for it is necessary that all these things must take place; but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in *different* places.

8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then they shall deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you, and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended and shall betray one another and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many.

12 And because lawlessness shall abound, the charity of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.

15 Therefore, when ye see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, which shall stand in the holy place (whosoever reads, let him understand),

16 then let those who are in Judaea flee into the mountains;
17 let him who is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house,
18 neither let him who is in the field return back to take his clothes.
19 And woe unto those that are with child and to those that give suck in those days!
20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter neither on the sabbath day,
21 for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
22 And if those days were not shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.
23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Behold, here *is* the Christ, or there, believe *it* not.
24 For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets and shall show great signs and wonders in such a manner that they shall deceive, if possible, the very elect.
25 Behold, I have told you before.
26 Therefore if they say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert, go not forth; Behold, *he is* in the secret chambers, believe *it* not.
27 For as the lightning that comes out of the east and shines even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
28 For wherever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.
29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken,
30 and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with great power and glory.
31 And he shall send his angels with a trumpet and a great voice, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 ¶ Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When his branch is yet tender and puts forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh;

33 so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass until all these things are fulfilled.

35 The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not even the angels of the heavens, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noah *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as they were in the days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

39 and they knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left.

41 Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken and the other left.

42 Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

43 But know this that if the husband of the house knew in what watch the thief would come, he would watch and would not suffer his house to be broken into.

44 Therefore be ye also ready; the Son of man is to come in the hour that ye think not.

45 Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom his lord has made ruler over his household to give them food in due season?

46 Blessed *is* that slave whom his lord when he comes shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil slave shall say in his heart, My lord delays his coming,

49 and shall begin to smite *his* fellowslaves and even to eat and drink with the drunken,

50 the lord of that slave shall come in a day when he does not look for *him* and in an hour that he is not aware of

51 and shall cut him off and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25

1 ¶ Then shall the kingdom of the heavens be likened unto ten virgins who, taking their lamps, went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were prudent, and five *were* foolish.

3 Those that *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them;

4 but the prudent took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom comes; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the prudent, Give us of your oil, for our lamps are going out.

9 But the prudent answered, saying, Lest there be not enough for us and you, but go ye rather to them that sell and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and those that were ready went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut.

11 Afterward the other virgins also came, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man comes.

14 ¶ For *it is* like a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own slaves and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each one according to his faculty, and straightway took his journey.

16 And after he was gone, he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same and made another five talents.

17 And likewise he that *had received* two, he also gained another two.

18 But he that had received one went and dug in the earth and hid his lord's money.

19 And after a long time the lord of those slaves came and reckoned accounts with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, Lord, thou didst deliver unto me five talents; behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful slave; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou didst deliver unto me two talents; behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful slave; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he who had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown and gathering where thou hast not scattered;

25 therefore, I was afraid and went and hid thy talent in the earth; behold, thou hast what is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful slave, thou knewest that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I have not scattered;

27 therefore, it was expedient for thee to have put my money to the bankers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with interest.

28 Take, therefore, the talent from him and give *it* unto him who has ten talents.

29 For unto every one that has shall be given, and he shall have abundance, but from him that has not shall be taken away even that which he has.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable slave into the outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

31 ¶ When the Son of man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he shall sit upon the throne of his glory,

32 and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats,

33 and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto those on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

35 for I was hungry, and ye gave me food; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in;

36 naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed *thee*? or thirsty and give *thee* drink?

38 When did we see thee a stranger and take *thee* in? or naked and clothe *thee*?

39 Or when did we see thee sick or in prison and come unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brothers, ye have done *it* unto me.

41 Then he shall also say unto those who *shall be* on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into eternal fire, prepared for the devil and his angels;

42 for I was hungry, and ye gave me no food; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink;

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then they shall also answer him, saying, Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then he shall answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of my brothers, ye did *it* not to me.

46 And they shall go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Matthew 26

1 ¶ And it came to pass when Jesus had finished all these words, he said unto his disciples,

2 Ye know that after two days is the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

3 Then the princes of the priests and the scribes and the elders of the people assembled together in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

4 and took counsel that they might take Jesus by guile and kill *him*.

5 But they said, Not on the feast *day*, lest there be an uproar among the people.

6 ¶ Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

7 a woman came unto him having an alabaster box of very precious ointment and poured it on his head as he sat *at the table*.

8 But when his disciples saw *it*, they became indignant, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?

9 For this ointment might have been sold for much and given to the poor.

10 But Jesus, understanding this, said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she has wrought a good work upon me.

11 For ye have the poor always with you, but me ye have not always.

12 For in that she has poured this ointment on my body, she did *it to prepare* for my burial.

13 Verily I say unto you, Wherever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman has done, be told for a memorial of her.

14 ¶ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the princes of the priests

15 and said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

17 ¶ Now the first *day* of the *feast of unleavened bread*, the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

18 And he said, Go into the city to a certain man and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them, and they made ready the passover.

20 Now when the evening was come, he sat down *at the table* with the twelve.

21 And as they ate, he said, Verily I say unto you that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they were exceeding sorrowful and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

23 And he answered and said, He that dips *his* hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

24 The Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born.

25 Then Judas, who was betraying him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

26 ¶ And as they were eating, Jesus took the bread, and, having blessed *it*, broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And taking the cup and having given thanks, he gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink from now on of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

31 ¶ Then Jesus said unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night; for it is written, I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

32 But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all *men* shall be offended in thee, yet I will never be offended.

34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night before the cock crows, thou shalt deny me three times.

35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

36 ¶ Then Jesus came with them unto a place called Gethsemane and said unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38 Then he said unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here and watch with me.

39 And he went a little further and fell on his face, praying and saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.

40 And he came unto the disciples and found them asleep and said unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

42 He went away again the second time and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me except I drink it, thy will be done.

43 And he came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

44 And leaving them, he went away again and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then he came unto his disciples and said unto them, Sleep on now and take *your* rest; behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going; behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

47 ¶ And while he yet spoke, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the princes of the priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he that betrayed him had given them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast.

49 And forthwith he came to Jesus and said, Receive joy, master; and kissed him.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, why art thou come? Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took him.

51 And, behold, one of those who was with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword and struck a slave of the high priest and smote off his ear.

52 Then Jesus said unto him, Put up again thy sword into its place, for all those that take the sword shall perish by the sword.

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled that thus it must be?

55 In that same hour Jesus said to the multitude, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

56 But all this was done that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

57 ¶ And those that had laid hold on Jesus led *him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

58 But Peter followed him afar off unto the patio of the high priest and went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

59 Now the princes of the priests and the elders and all the council sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

60 but found none; though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses

61 who said, This *fellow* said, I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.

62 And the high priest arose and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing to what these witness against thee?

63 But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou art the Christ, the Son of God.

64 Jesus said unto him, Thou hast said *it*; nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He has spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

66 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

67 Then they spit in his face and buffeted him, and others smote *him* with the staves,

68 saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ; who is he that smote thee?

69 ¶ Now Peter sat outside in the patio; and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

70 But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him and said unto those that were there, This *fellow* was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

72 And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

73 And after a while those that stood by came unto *him* and said to Peter, Surely thou also art *one* of them, for thy speech makes thee manifest.

74 Then he began to curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not the man. And immediately a cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, who said unto him, Before the cock crows, thou shalt deny me three times. And he went out and wept bitterly.

Matthew 27

1 ¶ When the morning was come, all the princes of the priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death,
2 and when they had bound him, they led *him* away and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

3 Then Judas, who had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the princes of the priests and the elders,

4 saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? Thou shalt see *to it*.

5 And casting down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed and went and hanged himself.

6 And the princes of the priests taking the silver pieces, said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury because it is the price of blood.

7 And they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field to bury strangers in.

8 Therefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty *pieces* of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the sons of Israel did value,

10 and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

11 ¶ And Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

12 And being accused by the princes of the priests and the elders, he answered nothing.

13 Then Pilate said unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

14 And he did not answer him even a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

15 Now at *that* feast the governor was accustomed to release unto the people a prisoner, whoever they desired.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom desire ye that I release unto you? Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

19 When he was seated upon the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man, for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

20 But the princes of the priests and the elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said unto them, Which of the two desire ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate said unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23 And the governor said, Why, what evil has he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye *to it*.

25 Then all the people answered and said, His blood *be* on us and on our children.

26 ¶ Then he released Barabbas unto them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall and gathered unto him the whole band *of soldiers*.

28 And they stripped him and put on him a scarlet robe.

29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head and a reed in his right hand; and they bowed the knee before him and mocked him, saying, Receive joy, King of the Jews!

30 And they spit upon him and took the reed and smote him on the head.

31 And after they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him and put his own raiment on him and led him away to crucify {Gr. stauroo – Hang on a stake} him.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; him they compelled to bear his *cross*. {Gr. stauros -stake}

33 ¶ And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, *the place of a skull*,

34 they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall; and when he had tasted *of it*, he would not drink.

35 And they crucified him and parted his garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my raiment did they cast lots.

36 And sitting down they watched him there

37 and set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then there were two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand and another on the left.

39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads

40 and saying, Thou that wouldst destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou art the Son of God, come down from the *cross*. {Gr. stauros -stake}

41 Likewise also the princes of the priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; he cannot save himself. If he is the King of Israel, let him now come down from the *cross*, {Gr. stauros -stake} and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him, for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 The thieves also, who were crucified with him, reproached him *with the same*.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of those that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calls for Elijah.

48 And straightway one of them ran and took a sponge and filled *it* with vinegar and put *it* on a reed and gave him to drink.

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

50 ¶ But Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, gave up the spirit.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who slept arose

53 and came out of the graves after his resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared unto many.

54 Now when the centurion and those that were with him, guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was God's Son.

55 And many women were there beholding afar off, who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him;

56 among whom was Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 ¶ When the evening was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also had been a disciple of Jesus;

58 he went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth

60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock, and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre and departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the princes of the priests and the Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63 saying, Lord, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night and steal him away and say unto the people,

He is risen from the dead; so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch; go your way; make *it* as secure as ye can.

66 So they went and made the sepulchre secure, sealing the stone and setting a watch.

Matthew 28

1 ¶ Now well along on the sabbath, as it began to dawn on the first of the sabbaths, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow;
4 and for fear of him the guards shook and became as dead *men*.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, who was crucified.

6 He is not here, for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goes before you into Galilee; there ye shall see him; behold, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy and ran to bring his disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, Receive joy. And they came and held him by the feet and worshipped him.

10 Then Jesus said unto them, Be not afraid; go tell my brothers that they may go into Galilee, and there they shall see me.

11 ¶ Now when they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders and had taken counsel, they gave a large *amount of* money to the soldiers,

13 saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night and stole him *away* while we slept.

14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will persuade him and make you secure.

15 So they took the money and did as they were taught, and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

16 ¶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into the mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, behold, I am with you always *even* unto the end of the age. Amen.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
Mark

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Mark 1

- 1 ¶ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus, the Christ, Son of God,
2 as it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.
3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.
4 John baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance for remission of sins.
5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea and those of Jerusalem and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.
6 John was clothed with camel's hair and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he ate locusts and wild honey
7 and preached, saying, There comes one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.
8 I indeed have baptized you with water, but he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit.
9 ¶ And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth *a city* of Galilee and was baptized of John in the Jordan.
10 And as soon as he was come out of the water, *John* saw the heavens opened and the Spirit like a dove descending *and resting* upon him;
11 and there came a voice from heaven, *saying*, Thou art my dear Son, in whom I delight.
12 And immediately the Spirit drove him into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty *days and forty nights* and was tempted of Satan and was with the wild beasts, and the angels ministered unto him.

14 ¶ Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God

15 and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye and believe the gospel.

16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.

17 And Jesus said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

18 And straightway they forsook their nets and followed him.

19 And when he had gone a little further from there, he saw James the *son* of Zebedee and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

20 And straightway he called them; and leaving their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, they went after him.

21 And they entered into Capernaum, and straightway on the sabbath days he entered into the synagogue and taught.

22 And they marvelled at his learning, for he taught them as one that had power with him, and not as the scribes.

23 ¶ And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out,

24 saying, Let *us* alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be silent, and come out of him.

26 And the unclean spirit tore him and cried with a loud voice and came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What new doctrine *is* this? for he commands the unclean spirits with power, and they obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

29 ¶ And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 But Simon's mother-in-law lay sick of a fever, and soon they told him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up; and the fever left her by and by, and she ministered unto them.

32 In the evening, when the sun was down, they brought unto him all that were diseased and those that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick of diverse diseases and cast out many devils and suffered not the devils to speak because they knew him.

35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place and prayed there.

36 And Simon and those that were with him followed after him.

37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All *men* seek for thee.

38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns that I may preach there also, for truly I came forth for that purpose.

39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee and cast out devils.

40 ¶ And a leper came to him, beseeching him and kneeling down to him and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jesus, having mercy on him, put forth *his* hand and touched him and said unto him, I will; be thou clean.

42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was clean.

43 And he straitly charged him and forthwith sent him away

44 and said unto him, See thou say nothing to any man, but go, show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

45 But he went out and began to publish *it* much and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places; and they came to him from every quarter.

Mark 2

1 ¶ And again he entered into Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that he was in the house.

2 And soon many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door; and he preached the word unto them.

3 And they came unto him, bringing a paralytic, carried by four *men*.

4 And when they could not come near unto him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof *of the house* where he was; and when they had broken it open, they let down the bed in which the paralytic lay.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the paralytic, Son, thy sins are forgiven thee.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there and thinking in their hearts,

7 Why does this *fellow* so blaspheme? Who can forgive sins but God only?

8 And Jesus, knowing afterward in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said unto them, Why think ye these things in your hearts?

9 What is easier to say to the paralytic, *Thy* sins are forgiven thee, or to say, Arise and take up thy bed and walk?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins (he spoke to the sick of the palsy),

11 I say unto thee, Arise and take up thy bed and go to thy house.

12 And by and by he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, We never saw anything like unto this.

13 ¶ And he went again unto the sea; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.

14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

15 And it came to pass, that as *Jesus* sat at the table in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also at the table together with Jesus and his

disciples: for there were many and they had followed him.

16 And the scribes and Pharisees, seeing him eat with publicans and sinners, said unto his disciples, How is it that he eats and drinks with publicans and sinners?

17 When Jesus heard *it*, he said unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but the sinners to repentance.

18 ¶ And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees did fast and therefore came and said unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?

19 And Jesus said unto them, Can those who are in a wedding fast while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

20 But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then they shall fast in those days.

21 No one mends an old garment with a new piece of cloth, *or* else the new piece that filled it up tears away from the old, and the rent is made worse.

22 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins; *or* else the new wine bursts the wineskins, and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are lost; but new wine must be poured into new wineskins.

23 And it came to pass that as he went through the planted fields *again* on the sabbath day, his disciples began, as they walked, to pluck the ears of grain.

24 And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?

25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did when he had need and was hungry, he and those that were with him?

26 How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to those who were with him?

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath;

28 therefore the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath.

Mark 3

1 ¶ And he entered again into the synagogue, and there was a man there who had a withered hand.

2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day, that they might accuse him.

3 So he said unto the man who had the withered hand, Stand forth.

4 And he said unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days or to do evil? to save the person or to kill them? But they were silent.

5 And looking round about on them with anger, being grieved for the blindness of their hearts, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* out and his hand was restored whole as the other.

6 And as the Pharisees went forth, they took counsel with the Herodians against him, to kill him.

7 But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea

8 and from Jerusalem and from Idumaea and *from* beyond Jordan. And those who dwell around Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, hearing what great things he did, came unto him.

9 And he spoke to his disciples that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10 For he had healed many, insomuch that as many as had plagues pressed upon him to touch him.

11 And the unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him and cried out, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

13 ¶ And he went up to the mountain and called unto himself whom he would, and they came unto him.

14 And he established twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach

15 and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out devils:

16 Simon, whom he gave the name Peter;

17 and James the *son* of Zebedee and John the brother of James, whom he surnamed them Boanerges, which is The sons of thunder;

18 and Andrew and Philip and Bartholomew and Matthew and Thomas and James the *son* of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus and Simon the Canaanite

19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him; and they came home.

20 And the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 And when his *friends* and family heard *of it*, they went out to lay hold on him; for they said, He is beside himself.

22 ¶ But the scribes who had come down from Jerusalem said that he had Beelzebub and that by the prince of the devils he cast out devils.

23 And he called them *unto him* and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

24 If *a* kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot remain.

25 And if *a* house is divided against itself, that house cannot remain.

26 And if Satan rises up against himself and is divided, he cannot remain, but has an end.

27 No man can enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods except he will first bind the strong man, and then he will spoil his house.

28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men and whatever blasphemies with which they shall blaspheme,

29 but whosoever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit shall never have forgiveness but is obligated to eternal judgment,

30 because they said, He has an unclean spirit.

31 ¶ There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

32 The multitude was sitting all around him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brothers *and sisters* seek thee without.

33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother or my brethren?

34 And looking round about on those who sat about him, he said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

35 For whosoever doeth the will of God, the same is my brother and my sister and my mother.

Mark 4

1 ¶ And he began again to teach by the sea side, and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship and sat in the sea, and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

2 And he taught them many things by parables and said unto them in his doctrine,

3 Hearken; Behold, the sower went out to sow;

4 and it came to pass as he sowed some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground where it had not much earth, and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth;

6 but when the sun was up, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased and brought forth: some thirty and some sixty and some a hundred.

9 And he said unto them, He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when he was alone, those that were close to him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but unto those that are without, all *these* things are done in parables,

12 that seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand, lest at any time they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? How then will ye understand all the parables?

14 The sower *is he who* sows the word.

15 And these are those by the way side, in whom the word is sown, but when they have heard, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in

their hearts.

16 And likewise these are those who are sown on stony ground, who when they have heard the word immediately receive it with gladness

17 but have no root in themselves and are temporal; afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And these are those who are sown among thorns, such as hear the word,
19 and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches and the lusts of other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

20 And these are those who are sown in good ground, such as hear the word and receive *it* and bring forth fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.

21 ¶ And he also said unto them, Is the lamp brought to be put under the bushel or under the bed? and not to be set in the lampstand?

22 For there is nothing hid which shall not be manifested; nor secret which shall not be exposed.

23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.

24 And he also said unto them, Take heed what ye hear; with the measure ye measure by, ye shall be measured by others, and unto you that hear shall more be added.

25 For he that has, to him shall be given; and he that has not, from him shall be taken even that which he has.

26 He also said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground

27 and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring *forth* and grow up, he knows not how.

28 For the earth brings forth fruit of herself: first the blade, then the ear, after that the full grain in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he puts in the sickle because the harvest is come.

30 He also said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we compare it?

31 *It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that are in the earth;*

32 *but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs and shoots out great branches, so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.*

33 *And with many such parables he spoke the word unto them as they were able to hear it.*

34 *But without a parable he did not speak unto them; and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.*

35 ¶ *And that same day, when evening was come, he said unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.*

36 *And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.*

37 *And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.*

38 *And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow; and they awoke him and said unto him, Master, dost thou not care that we perish?*

39 *And as he arose, he rebuked the wind and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*

40 *And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?*

41 *And they feared exceedingly and said one to another, Who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?*

Mark 5

1 ¶ And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him a man of the tombs, with an unclean spirit,

3 who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, no, not with chains,

4 because many times he had been bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been broken in pieces by him, and the fetters shattered; neither could anyone tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and hurting himself with stones.

6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him.

7 Crying out with a loud voice, he said, What hast thou with me, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, *thou* unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What *is* thy name? And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion, for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send him away out of that country.

11 Now near unto the mountains there was a great herd of swine feeding,

12 and all those devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out and entered into the swine, and the herd fell over a cliff into the sea (they were about two thousand) and were choked in the sea.

14 And those that fed the swine fled and told *it* in the city and in the country. And *people* went out to see what it was that had happened.

15 And they come to Jesus and see him that was tormented by the demon and had the legion sitting and clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

16 And those that saw *it* told them what happened to him that had the demon and *also* concerning the swine.

17 And they began to plead with him to depart out of their borders.

18 And as he was entering into the ship, he that had been troubled by the demon besought him that he might be with him.

19 But Jesus suffered him not but said unto him, Go home to thy *friends* and family and tell them what great things the Lord has done with thee and *how* he has had mercy on thee.

20 And he went and began to publish in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done with him, and everyone marveled.

21 ¶ And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, a great multitude gathered unto him, and he was near the sea.

22 And one of the princes of the synagogue came, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet

23 and besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lies at the point of death; come and lay thy hands on her that she may be saved, and she shall live.

24 And *Jesus* went with him; and *a* great multitude followed him and thronged him.

25 And a *certain* woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years

26 and had suffered many things of many physicians and had spent all that she had and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse;

27 when she had heard of Jesus, came from behind among the multitude and touched his garment.

28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be saved.

29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.

30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned to the crowd and said, Who touched my clothes?

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee and sayest thou, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him and told him all the truth.

34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith has made thee saved; go in peace and remain whole of thy plague.

35 ¶ While he yet spoke, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house certain* who said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?

36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he said unto the prince of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

37 And he suffered no one to follow him, except Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

38 And they came to the house of the prince of the synagogue and saw the tumult and those that wept and wailed greatly.

39 And when he was come in, he said unto them, Why make ye this ado and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleeps.

40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he took the father and the mother of the damsel and those that were with him and entered in where the damsel was lying.

41 And taking the damsel by the hand, he said unto her, Talitha cumi, which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

42 And straightway the damsel arose and walked, for she was twelve years old. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

43 And he charged them straitly that no one should know it and commanded that *something* should be given her to eat.

Mark 6

1 ¶ And he went out from there and came into his own country, and his disciples followed him.

2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue; and many hearing *him* were astonished, saying, From where has this *man* these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him and such mighty works that are wrought by his hands?

3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joses and of Juda and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

4 But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not dishonoured except in his own country and among his own kin and in his own house.

5 And he could do no mighty work there except that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk and healed *them*.

6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went through the villages round about, teaching.

7 ¶ And he called *unto him* the twelve and began to send them forth by two and two and gave them power *over* the unclean spirits

8 and commanded them that they should take nothing for *their* journey except a staff only: no provision bag, no bread, no money in *their* purse;

9 but *be* shod with sandals and not put on two coats.

10 And he said unto them, In whatever place ye enter into a house, there abide until ye depart from that place.

11 And whosoever shall not receive you nor hear you, when ye depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet in testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment than for that city.

12 And they went out and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many that were sick, and they *were* healed.

14 ¶ And king Herod heard *of him* (for his name was spread abroad), and he said, John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and therefore virtues operate

in him.

15 Others said, It is Elijah. And others said, It is *the* prophet or one of the prophets.

16 But when Herod heard *of it*, he said, This is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.

17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife, for he had married her.

18 For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

19 Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him and would have killed him, but she could not;

20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and respected him; and when he heard him, he did many things and heard him gladly.

21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his princes and tribunes and to the principal *people* of Galilee;

22 and when the daughter of Herodias came in and danced and pleased Herod and those that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give *it unto* thee.

23 And he swore unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give *it unto* thee, unto the half of my kingdom.

24 And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.

25 And she came in with haste unto the king and asked, saying, I will that thou give me immediately in a platter the head of John the Baptist.

26 And the king was exceeding sorry, *yet* for his oath's sake and for the sakes of those who sat with him, he would not reject her.

27 And straightway the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought, and he went and beheaded him in the prison

28 and brought his head in a platter and gave it to the damsel, and the damsel gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard *of it*, they came and took up his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

30 ¶ And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus and told him everything they had done and what they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest a while; for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And many saw them departing and knew him and ran there afoot out of the cities and arrived before them and came together unto him.

34 And *Jesus*, when he came out, saw a great multitude and had mercy on them because they were as sheep not having a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him and said, This is a desert place, and now the time *is* far passed;

36 send them away that they may go into the country round about and into the villages and buy themselves bread, for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said unto him, Shall we go and buy bread for two hundred denarius and give them to eat?

38 He said unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they said, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves and gave *them* to his disciples to set before them, and the two fishes he divided among them all.

42 And they all ate and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments and of the fishes.

44 And those that ate were five thousand men.

45 ¶ And straightway he told his disciples to get quickly into the ship and to go to the other side before him unto Bethsaida while he dispatched the people.

46 And when he had dispatched them, he departed into the mountain to pray.

47 And when night was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing, for the wind was contrary unto them; and about the fourth watch of the night he came unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a ghost and cried out,

50 For they all saw him and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them and said unto them, Be of good cheer; I AM; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship, and the wind ceased; and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure and wondered.

52 For they had not yet derived understanding in the loaves, for their hearts were blind.

53 And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret and drew to the shore.

54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him

55 and ran through that whole region round about and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.

56 And wherever he entered, into villages or cities or fields, they laid the sick in the streets and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment, and as many as touched him were saved.

Mark 7

- 1 ¶ Then came together unto him *the* Pharisees and some of the scribes, who had come from Jerusalem,
- 2 who upon seeing some of his disciples eat bread with common, that is to say, with unwashed, hands, they condemned them.
- 3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews, unless they wash *their* hands often, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.
- 4 And *when they come* from the market, unless they wash, they eat not. And there are many other things which they took upon themselves to hold *such as* the washing of cups and pots, brasen vessels and of tables.)
- 5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why do thy disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat bread with unwashed hands?
- 6 He answered and said unto them, Well has Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honours me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me.
- 7 Howbeit in vain do they honor me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.
- 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men *as* the washing of pots and cups, and many other such like things ye do.
- 9 And he also said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.
- 10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother, and, Whosoever curses father or mother shall most definitely die.
- 11 But ye say, It is enough if a man shall say to his father or mother, *It is* all Corban, (that is to say, my gift to God) whatever with which thou mightest be profited by me.
- 12 And ye suffer him to do no more for his father or for his mother,
- 13 invalidating the word of God with your tradition, which ye have given; and many such like things do ye.
- 14 And when he had called all the people *unto him*, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one *of you* and understand;

15 there is nothing from outside the man that entering into him can defile him, but the things which come out of him, those are what defile the man.

16 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.

17 And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

18 And he said unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not understand that anything from outside that enters into the man cannot defile him?

19 Because it enters not into his heart, but into the belly, and *the man* goes out to the privy and purges all foods.

20 For he had said that *it is* what comes out of the man that defiles the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, come forth the evil thoughts, the adulteries, the fornications, the murders,

22 the thefts, the covetousness, the wickedness, the deceit, the lasciviousness, the evil eye, the slander, the pride, the unwiseness:

23 all these evil things come out from within and defile the man.

24 ¶ And from there he arose and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entering into a house, desired that no man know *of it*; but he could not be hid.

25 For a *certain* woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him and came and fell at his feet;

26 the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation, and she besought him that he would cast forth the demon out of her daughter.

27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled, for it is not good to take the children's bread and to cast *it* unto the dogs.

28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this word go; the demon has gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when she came to her house, she found that the demon had gone out, and the daughter lay upon the bed.

31 ¶ And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre, he came by Sidon unto the sea of Galilee through the midst of the borders of Decapolis.

32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

33 And taking him aside from the multitude, he put his fingers into the man's ears; and spitting, he touched the man's tongue *with the saliva*;

34 and looking up to heaven, he cried out, and said, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

35 And straightway his ears were opened, and that which bound his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

36 And he charged them that they should tell no one; but the more he commanded them, so much more and more they published *it*

37 and were beyond measure astonished, saying, He has done all things well: he makes both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.

Mark 8

1 ¶ In those days, as before, there was a great multitude, and they had nothing to eat; Jesus called his disciples *unto him* and said unto them,

2 I have mercy on the multitude because they have now been with me three days and have nothing to eat;

3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way, for some of them came from afar.

4 And his disciples answered him, From where can anyone satisfy these *men* with bread here in the wilderness?

5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.

6 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves and having given thanks, he broke *them* and gave to his disciples to set before *them*; and they set *them* before the multitude.

7 And they also had a few small fishes; and he blessed them and commanded to set them also before *them*.

8 So they ate and were filled; and they took up of the broken *food* that was left seven baskets.

9 And those that had eaten were about four thousand; and he dispatched them.

10 ¶ And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Pharisees came forth and began to argue with him, demanding of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.

12 And crying out in his spirit, he said, Why does this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

13 And he left them and, entering into the ship again, departed to the other side.

14 Now *the disciples* had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.

15 And he commanded them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and *of* the leaven of Herod.

16 And they argued among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have no bread.

17 And as Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why argue ye because ye have no bread? Do ye not consider nor understand? is your heart yet blind?

18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?

19 When I broke the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They said unto him, Twelve.

20 And when the seven loaves among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.

21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not yet understand?

22 ¶ And he came to Bethsaida, and they bring a blind man unto him and beseech him to touch him.

23 So, taking the blind man by the hand, he led him out of the town; and spitting into his eyes and putting his hands upon *them*, he asked him if he saw anything.

24 And looking, he said, I see men; I see that they walk as trees.

25 After that, he put *his* hands again upon his eyes and caused him to see; and he was whole and saw everyone, far away and clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell *it* to any in the town.

27 ¶ And Jesus and his disciples went out into the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Who do men say that I am?

28 And they answered, John the Baptist; but some *say*, Elijah; and others, One of the prophets.

29 Then he said unto them, But who say ye that I am? And Peter answered and said unto him, Thou art the Christ!

30 And he commanded them that they should tell no one of *this* regarding him.

31 And he began to teach them that it was convenient that the Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders and *of* the princes of the priests and of the scribes, and be killed and after three days rise again.

32 And he spoke this word clearly. Then Peter took him and began to rebuke him.

33 And he, turning about and looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter, saying, Get thyself from me, Satan, for thou knowest not the things that are of God, but the things that *are* of men.

34 And calling the multitude *unto him* with his disciples, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his *cross* {Gr. *stauros* – stake} and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Mark 9

1 ¶ He also said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there are some of those who are here who shall not taste of death until they have seen the kingdom of God which comes with power.

2 And six days afterwards Jesus took Peter and James and John, and separated them apart by themselves unto a high mountain; and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow, so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4 And there appeared unto them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.

5 Then Peter answering, said unto Jesus, Master, it shall be good for us to remain here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for thee, and another for Moses, and another for Elijah.

6 For he knew not what he was saying, for he was beside himself.

7 And a cloud came that overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son; hear ye him.

8 And suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one any more, except Jesus only with themselves.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, he commanded them that they should tell no one what things they had seen until the Son of man was risen from the dead.

10 And they kept the word within themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should be.

11 And they asked him, saying, Why do the scribes say that Elijah must first come?

12 And he answered and told them, Elijah verily shall come first and restore all things and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things and be esteemed as nothing.

13 But I say unto you, That Elijah has *indeed* come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they wished, as it is written of him.

14 ¶ And as he came to the disciples, he saw a great multitude about them and scribes that disputed with them.

15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to *him* saluted him.

16 And he asked the scribes, What dispute ye with them?

17 And one of the multitude answering, said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, who has a dumb spirit;

18 and wherever he takes him, he tears him, and he foams and gnashes with his teeth and pines away; and I spoke to thy disciples that they should cast him out, and they could not.

19 Answering, he said unto him, O unfaithful generation, how long shall I be with you? How long must I suffer you? Bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him; and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tore him; and he fell on the ground and wallowed foaming.

21 And *Jesus* asked his father, How long ago is it since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

22 And oftentimes it has cast him into the fire and into the waters to kill him, but if thou canst do any thing, help us, having mercy on us.

23 And *Jesus* said unto him, If thou canst believe this, all things *are* possible to him that believes.

24 And straightway the father of the child crying out with tears, said, Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief.

25 When *Jesus* saw that the multitude concurred, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, *Thou* dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him and enter no more into him.

26 Then the spirit, crying out and rending him sore, came out; and *he* remained as one dead, *insomuch* that many said that he was dead.

27 But *Jesus*, taking him by the hand, straightened him up; and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

30 ¶ And having left there, they walked together through Galilee; and he did not wish that anyone should know of it.

31 For he went on teaching his disciples and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after he is dead, he shall rise the third day.

32 But they did not understand this word and were afraid to ask him.

33 And he came to Capernaum; and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves on the way?

34 But they were silent; for on the way they had disputed among themselves, who *should be* the greatest.

35 Then, sitting down, he called the twelve and said unto them, If anyone desires to be first, *the same* shall be last of all and servant of all.

36 And taking a child, he set him in the midst of them; and taking him in his arms, he said unto them,

37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receives me; and whosoever shall receive me, receives not me, but him that sent me.

38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out demons in thy name and he does not follow us; and we forbade him because he does not follow us.

39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not, for there is no one who does a miracle in my name that can then speak evil of me.

40 For he that is not against us is for us.

41 ¶ For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name because ye are of the Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

42 And whosoever shall be a stumbling block to one of *these* little ones that believe in me, it would be better for him if a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

43 And if thy hand causes thee to fall, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter into life maimed than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that can never be quenched,

44 where their worm does not die, and the fire is never quenched.

45 And if thy foot causes thee to fall, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter halt into life than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that can

never be quenched,

46 where their worm does not die, and the fire is never quenched.

47 And if thine eye causes thee to fall, pluck it out; it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than having two eyes to be cast into hell,

48 where their worm does not die, and the fire is never quenched.

49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

50 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, with what will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

Mark 10

1 ¶ And he left there and came into the borders of Judaea and behind the Jordan; and the multitude joined him again, and he taught them again as was his custom.

2 And the Pharisees came to him and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away *his* wife? tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorce and to put *her* away.

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this commandment.

6 But at the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall join to his wife;

8 and they that *were* two shall be made one flesh, so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.

10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same *matter*.

11 And he said unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife and marry another commits adultery against her.

12 And if the woman shall put away her husband and be married to another, she commits adultery.

13 ¶ And they brought young children to him that he should touch them, and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*.

14 And Jesus seeing it, became angry and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me and hinder them not, for of such is the kingdom of God.

15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

16 And taking them up in his arms and putting *his* hands upon them, he blessed them.

17 ¶ And as he was leaving to continue his way, *there came* one running, *who* kneeled before him and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why dost thou call me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God.

19 Thou knowest the commandments: Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these I have observed from my youth.

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go, sell all that thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the *cross*, {Gr. *stauros* – stake} and follow me taking up thy stake (if thy desire is to be perfect).

22 But he, saddened by this word, went away grieved, for he had great possessions.

23 Then Jesus, looking around, said unto his disciples, How hardly shall those that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answered again and said unto them, Children, how hard is it for those that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier to pass a cable through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 But they were astonished even more, saying in themselves, Who then can save himself?

27 Then Jesus looking upon them said, For men *it is* impossible, but not for God because all things are possible for God.

28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Behold, we have left all and have followed thee.

29 And answering him, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, There is no one that has left house or brethren or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for my sake and the gospel's

30 who shall not receive one hundredfold now in this time: houses and brethren and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions,

and in the world to come eternal life.

31 But many *of the* first shall be last; and *of the* last first.

32 ¶ And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus went before them; and they were amazed, and they followed him with fear. Then, taking the twelve *aside* again, he began to tell them what things would happen unto him,

33 *saying*, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the princes of the priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death and shall deliver him to the Gentiles,

34 and they shall mock him and shall scourge him and shall spit upon him and shall kill him; but the third day he shall rise again.

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou should do for us whatever we shall ask.

36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one at thy right hand and the other at thy left hand in thy glory.

38 Then Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask; can ye drink the cup that I drink? Or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink the cup that I drink, and of the baptism that I am baptized with ye shall be baptized;

40 but to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to those* for whom it is prepared.

41 And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be angry against James and John.

42 But Jesus, calling unto them, said unto them, Ye know that those who are seen to be princes among the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those that are great among them wield power over them.

43 But it shall not be like this among you, for whosoever desires to make himself great among you shall be your servant;

44 and whosoever of you that desires to be first shall be slave of all.

45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to serve and to give his life in ransom for many.

46 ¶ And so they come to Jericho, and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a *great* multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

47 And hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, Jesus, *thou* Son of David, have mercy on me.

48 And many told him to be silent, but he cried even more, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on me.

49 Then Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Have confidence, rise; he calls thee.

50 He, therefore, casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus.

51 And Jesus, answering, said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And the blind man said unto him, Master, that I might receive my sight.

52 And Jesus said unto him, Go; thy faith has saved thee. And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus in the way.

Mark 11

1 ¶ And when they came near to Jerusalem unto Bethphage and Bethany at the mount of Olives, he sends forth two of his disciples

2 and said unto them, Go to the place which is before you; and as soon as ye are entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, upon which no man ever sat; loose him and bring *him*.

3 And if anyone says unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord has need of him, and straightway he will send him here.

4 And they went and found the colt tied by the door outside between two ways, and they loosed him.

5 And some of those that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt?

6 Then they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded, and they let them go.

7 They brought the colt to Jesus and cast their garments on him, and he sat upon him.

8 And many spread their garments in the way, and others cut down leaves off the trees and spread *them* in the way.

9 And those that went before and those that followed cried out, saying, Hosanna; Blessed *is* he that comes in the name of the Lord;

10 blessed *be* the kingdom of our father David, that comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

11 And the Lord entered into Jerusalem and into the temple; and when he had looked around upon all things, and it being now late, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

12 ¶ And the next day when they left Bethany, he was hungry,

13 and seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing upon her; but when he came to her, he found nothing but leaves, for the time of figs was not *yet*.

14 Then Jesus, answering, said to the fig tree, Never again shall anyone eat fruit of thee *hereafter* for ever. And his disciples heard *it*.

15 And they come to Jerusalem, and Jesus, entering into the temple, began to cast out those that sold and bought in the temple and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those that sold doves

16 and would not suffer that any man should carry *any* vessel through the temple.

17 And he taught them, saying, Is it not written that my house shall be called house of prayer by all the nations? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

18 And the scribes and the princes of the priests heard *it* and sought how they might kill him, for they feared him because all the multitude was astonished at his doctrine.

19 But when evening was come, Jesus went out of the city.

20 And passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21 Then Peter, remembering, said unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou didst curse is withered away.

22 And Jesus, answering, said unto them, Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Remove thyself and cast thyself into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart but shall believe that what he says shall be done whatsoever he says shall be done unto him.

24 Therefore I say unto you that everything that ye ask for, praying, believe that ye receive it, and it shall come upon you.

25 And when ye are praying, forgive if ye have anything against anyone, so that your Father who *is* in the heavens will also forgive you your trespasses.

26 For if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in the heavens forgive your trespasses.

27 ¶ And they returned to Jerusalem, and as he was walking in the temple, the princes of the priests and the scribes and the elders came

28 and said unto him, By what faculty doest thou these things? and who gave thee this faculty to do these things?

29 Then Jesus, answering, said unto them, I will also ask of you one word, and respond unto me, and I will tell you with what faculty I do these things.

30 The baptism of John, was *it* of heaven or of men? Respond unto me.

31 Then they thought inside themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven, he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

32 But if we shall say, Of men, we fear the people, for everyone judged regarding John that he truly was a prophet.

33 And answering, they said unto Jesus, We do not know. And Jesus, answering, said unto them, Neither shall I tell you with what faculty I do these things.

Mark 12

1 ¶ And he began to speak unto them by parables. A *certain* man planted a vineyard and set a hedge about *it* and dug *a place for* the winefat {Place where grapes are tread} and built a tower and let it out to husbandmen and went far away.

2 And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a slave that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.

3 And taking him, they beat him and sent *him* away empty.

4 And again he sent unto them another slave, and casting stones at him, they wounded *him* in the head and sent *him* away shamefully handled.

5 And again he sent another, and him they killed and many others, beating some and killing some.

6 Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.

7 But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the place shall be ours.

8 And taking hold of him, they killed *him* and cast *him* out of the vineyard.

9 What, therefore, shall the lord of the vineyard do? He shall come and destroy those husbandmen and shall give his vineyard unto others.

10 And have ye not read this scripture: The stone which the builders rejected is placed as the head of the corner;

11 This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

12 And they sought to lay hold on him but feared the multitude, for they understood that he had spoken the parable against them, and leaving him, they went away.

13 ¶ And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians to catch him in *his* words.

14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art *a* man of truth *who* regards no man; for thou dost not look upon *the* appearance of men, but dost with truth teach the way of God; is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not?

15 Shall we give or shall we not give? Then he, understanding their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? Bring me the coin that I may see it.

16 And they brought it. And he said unto them, Of whom is this image and inscription? And they said unto him, Of Caesar.

17 And Jesus, answering, said unto them, Render that which *is* of Caesar unto Caesar, and that which is of God unto God. And they marvelled at this.

18 ¶ Then come unto him the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying,

19 Master, Moses wrote unto us, If a man's brother dies and leaves *his* wife *behind him* and leaves no children, that his brother should take his wife and raise up seed unto his brother.

20 Now there were seven brethren, and the first took a wife and dying left no seed.

21 And the second took her, and died, neither left he any seed; and the third likewise.

22 And the seven had her and left no seed; last of all the woman died also.

23 In the resurrection, therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife.

24 Then Jesus, answering, said unto them, Do ye not therefore err because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?

25 For when they shall rise from the dead, neither shall they marry nor husbands take women nor women, husbands; but are as the angels who are in the heavens.

26 And regarding the dead who are to rise, have ye not read in the book of Moses how in the bush God spoke unto him, saying, I Am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?

27 He is not God of the dead, but God of the living; ye therefore do greatly err.

28 ¶ And one of the scribes came, having heard their dispute and knowing that he had given a good response unto them, asked him, Which is the principal commandment of all?

29 And Jesus responded unto him, The principal of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one;

30 and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy thought and with all thy strength: *this is the principal commandment.*

31 And the second *is* like it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

32 Then the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth, that *God* is one, and there is none other outside of him;

33 and to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the soul and with all the strength and to love *his* neighbour as himself is more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 Then Jesus, seeing that he responded wisely, said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that dared ask him *any question.*

35 ¶ And answering, Jesus said, while he taught in the temple, How do the scribes say that the Christ is Son of David?

36 For David himself said by *the* Holy Spirit, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

37 David therefore himself calls him Lord, and where *then* is he his son? And the many people heard him gladly.

38 And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, who love to go in long clothing and *love* the salutations in the marketplaces

39 and the first chairs in the synagogues and the first seats at the suppers,

40 which devour widows' houses and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater judgment.

41 ¶ And with Jesus sitting in front of the ark of the offering, he beheld how the people cast money into the ark and many that were rich cast in much.

42 And as there came a certain poor widow, she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

43 Then calling his disciples, he said unto them, Verily I say unto you that this poor widow has cast more in than all those who have cast into the treasury,

44 for *they* all did cast in of their abundance, but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.

Mark 13

1 ¶ And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples said unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here*!

2 And Jesus, answering, said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? There shall not be left one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all things are to be finished?

5 ¶ And Jesus, answering them, began to say, Take heed that no one deceive you,

6 for many shall come in my name, saying, I Am *Christ*, and shall deceive many.

7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled, for *such things* must needs be; but the end *shall not be* yet.

8 For people shall rise against people and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be earthquakes in each place, and there shall be famines and troubles: these *shall be* the beginnings of sorrows.

9 But take heed to yourselves, for they shall deliver you up in *the* councils, and in *the* synagogues ye shall be beaten; and ye shall be called before rulers and kings for my sake for a testimony unto them.

10 And the gospel needs to be preached unto all the Gentiles first.

11 But when they shall bring you to deliver you up, do not premeditate beforehand what ye shall speak, neither think ye regarding *it*, but whatever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye, for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Spirit.

12 Now the brother shall deliver the brother unto death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against *their* parents and shall kill them.

13 And ye shall be hated by everyone for my name, but he that shall persevere unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 ¶ But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation (spoken of by Daniel the prophet) standing where it ought not, he that reads, *let him* understand, then let those that *are* in Judaea flee to the mountains;

15 and let him that *is* on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter *therein* to take any thing out of his house;

16 and let him that is in the field not turn back again *even* to take up his garment.

17 But woe to those that are with child and to those that give suck in those days!

18 Pray, therefore, that your flight not be in winter.

19 For those days shall be of affliction such as never was from the beginning of the creation of *the things* which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved, but for the elect's sake, whom he has chosen, he has shortened those days.

21 And then if anyone should say to you, Behold, here is the Christ, or, Behold, *he is* there, do not believe *him*;

22 for false Christs and false prophets shall rise and shall show signs and wonders to seduce, if possible, even the elect.

23 But take ye heed; behold, I have told you everything beforehand.

24 ¶ But in those days after that affliction, the sun shall darken, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers that *are* in the heavens shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his angels and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth unto the uttermost part of the heaven.

28 ¶ Learn the similitude from the fig tree: When her branch is yet tender and puts forth leaves, ye know that summer is near;

29 so ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.

30 Verily I say unto you that this generation shall not pass until all these things are done.

31 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

32 But of that day and *that* hour no one knows, no, not even the angels who are in the heaven, neither the Son, but only the Father.

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time shall be.

34 As the man who, taking a far journey, left his house and gave his estate to his slaves and to each one his responsibility and commanded the porter to watch.

35 Watch ye therefore, for ye know not when the Lord of the house comes: at evening or at midnight or at the cockcrowing or in the morning,

36 lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you, I say unto all: Watch.

Mark 14

1 ¶ Two days after was the passover and *the days* of unleavened bread; and the princes of the priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, that they might kill him.

2 But they said, Not on the feast *day*, lest there be an uproar of the people.

3 And he being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, sitting at the table, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and breaking the alabaster, she poured *it* over his head.

4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarius and given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

6 But Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She has wrought a good work on me.

7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whenever ye will, ye may do them good; but me ye have not always.

8 She has done what she could, for she has anticipated anointing my body for the burial.

9 Verily I say unto you, Wherever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, *this* also that she has done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, came unto the princes of the priests to deliver him unto them.

11 And when they heard *it*, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

12 ¶ And the first day *of the feast of* unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou may eat the passover?

13 And he sends forth two of his disciples and said unto them, Go into the city, and a man shall meet you bearing a pitcher of water; follow him.

14 And wherever he shall go in, say to the husband of the house, The Master says, Where is the guestchamber where I shall eat the passover with my

disciples?

15 And he will show you a large upper room furnished *and* prepared: there make ready for us.

16 And his disciples went forth and came into the city and found as he had said unto them, and they made ready the passover.

17 And in the evening he went with the twelve.

18 And when they sat at the table and ate, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you who eats with me shall betray me.

19 And they began to be sorrowful and to say unto him one by one, *shall it be I?* and another *said, shall it be I?*

20 And he, answering, said unto them, *It is* one of the twelve, that dips with me in the dish.

21 The Son of man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

22 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and, blessing it, broke *it* and gave to them and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

23 And taking the cup, having given thanks, he gave *it* to them; and they all drank of it.

24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26 And when they had sung the hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

27 Then Jesus said unto them, All ye shall be scandalized in me this night; for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.

28 But after I have risen, I will go before you into Galilee.

29 Then Peter said unto him, Although all be scandalized, yet I *will* not.

30 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, *even* in this night, before the cock crows twice, thou shalt deny me three times.

31 But he spoke the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said the others.

32 ¶ And they come to the place which is named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, Sit ye here while I pray.

33 And he takes with him Peter and James and John and began to be alarmed and to be anguished

34 and said unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death; tarry ye here, and watch.

35 And he went forward a little and fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup from me; nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

37 And he came and found them sleeping and said unto Peter: Simon, sleepest thou? Could thou not watch one hour?

38 Watch ye and pray; enter not into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* sick.

39 And again he went away and prayed and spoke the same words.

40 And when he returned, he found them asleep again (for their eyes were heavy), nor did they know what to answer him.

41 And he came the third time and said unto them, Sleep on now and rest; it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into *the* hands of the sinners.

42 Rise up, let us go; behold, he that betrays me is at hand.

43 ¶ And immediately, while he yet spoke, Judas came, who was one of the twelve, and with him a multitude with swords and staves from the princes of the priests and of the scribes and of the elders.

44 And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him and lead *him* away securely.

45 And as soon as he was come, he went straightway to him and said, Master, Master, and kissed him.

46 And they laid their hands on him and took him.

47 And one of them that stood by drew a sword and smote the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear.

48 And Jesus, answering, said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and *with* staves to take me?

49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not, but it is this way that the scriptures might be fulfilled.

50 And they all forsook him and fled.

51 And there followed him a certain young man having a linen cloth cast about *his* naked *body*, and the young men laid hold on him,

52 and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

53 ¶ And they brought Jesus to the high priest, and with him were assembled all the princes of the priests and the elders and the scribes.

54 But Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest, and he was seated with the servants and warming himself at the fire.

55 And the princes of the priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death and found none.

56 For many bore false witness against him, but their witness did not agree together.

57 And there arose some that bore false witness against him, saying,

58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

59 But neither so did their witness agree together.

60 So the high priest, standing up in the midst, asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing *to what* these witness against thee?

61 But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

62 And Jesus said unto him, I AM, and ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of the power *of God* and coming in the clouds of the heaven.

63 Then the high priest rent his clothes and said, What need have we any more for witnesses?

64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.

65 And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to buffet him and to say unto him, Prophecy. And the servants struck him with the palms of their hands.

66 ¶ And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there came one of the maids of the high priest;

67 and when she saw Peter warming himself, looking upon him, said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

68 But he denied, saying, I know *him* not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

69 And the maid seeing him again began to say to those that stood by, This is *one* of them.

70 But he denied it again. And a little after, those that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art *one* of them, for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agrees *unto it*.

71 And he began to curse and to swear, *saying*, I do not know this man of whom ye speak.

72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the words that Jesus had said unto him, Before the cock crows twice, thou shalt deny me three times. And thinking on this, he wept.

Mark 15

1 ¶ And straightway in the morning the princes of the priests having held a consultation with the elders and with the scribes and with the whole council, took Jesus away bound and delivered him to Pilate.

2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he, answering, said unto him, Thou sayest *it*.

3 And the princes of the priests accused him of many *things*.

4 And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they accuse thee of.

5 But Jesus yet answered nothing, so that Pilate marvelled.

6 Now at *that* feast *it was customary that* he release unto them one prisoner, whoever they desired.

7 And there was *one* named Barabbas, *who lay* bound with those that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

8 And the multitude crying aloud began to desire *him to do* as he had always done unto them.

9 And Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

10 For he knew that the princes of the priests had delivered him for envy.

11 But the princes of the priests moved the multitude that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.

12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do *unto him* whom ye call the King of the Jews?

13 And they cried out again, crucify him. {Gr. stauroo – Hang him on a stake}

14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil has he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, crucify him.

15 ¶ And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged *him*, to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they call together the whole band.

17 And they clothed him with purple and platted a crown of thorns and put it about his *head*

18 and began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!

19 And they smote him on the head with a reed and spit upon him and bowing *their* knees worshipped him.

20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him and put his own clothes on him and led him out to crucify him.

21 And they compel one Simon, a Cyrenian, who passed by coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his *cross*. {Gr. stauros – stake}

22 ¶ And they brought him unto the place of Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh, but he received *it* not.

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And it was the third hour when they crucified him.

26 And the inscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucified two thieves: the one on his right hand and the other on his left.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which says, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

29 And those that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads and saying, Ah, thou that would destroy the temple of God and build *it* in three days,

30 save thyself and come down from the *cross*. {Gr. stauros – stake}

31 Likewise also the princes of the priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.

32 Let the Christ, King of Israel, descend now from the stake that we may see and believe. And those that were crucified {Gr. Stauroo – to hang on a stake} with him reviled him.

33 ¶ And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35 And some of those that stood by, when they heard *it*, said, Behold, he calls Elijah.

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar and put *it* on a reed and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

37 But Jesus, giving a great cry, expired.

38 Then the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom.

39 And when the centurion, who stood in front of him, saw that he so cried out and expired, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

40 There were also *some* women looking on afar off, among whom was Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the lesser and of Joses, and Salome

41 (who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him and ministered unto him), and many other women who came up with him unto Jerusalem.

42 ¶ And now when the evening was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathaea, a noble senator, who also waited for the kingdom of God, came and went in boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate marvelled that he was already dead; and calling *unto him* the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead.

45 And when he knew *it* of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

46 And he bought fine linen and took him down and wrapped him in the linen and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses beheld where he was laid.

Mark 16

1 ¶ And when the sabbath *of the great feast of the passover* was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary *the* mother of James, and Salome had bought sweet spices that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning the first of the sabbaths, they come unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away, for it was very great.

5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting to the right hand *side*, covered in a long white garment; and they were frightened.

6 But he said unto them, Do not be frightened; Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified; he is risen; he is not here; behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go tell his disciples and Peter that he goes before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him as he said unto you.

8 And they went out quickly and fled from the sepulchre, for they trembled and were amazed; neither said they any thing to anyone, for they were afraid.

9 ¶ Now as *Jesus* rose early the first of the sabbaths, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

10 *And* she went and told those that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive and had been seen of her, did not believe.

12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked and went into the country.

13 And they went and told *it* unto the others, yet they did not believe them.

14 ¶ Finally he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at the table and upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they did not believe those who had seen him after he was risen.

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believes not shall be condemned.

17 And these signs shall follow those that believe: In my name they shall cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 they shall take away serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands upon the sick, and they shall be healed.

19 ¶ So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven and sat at the right hand of God.

20 And they, going forth, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with the signs which followed them. *Amen.*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
St. Luke

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Luke 1

1 ¶ Forasmuch as many have attempted to set forth in order the history of those things which among us have been most certain,

2 even as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning taught us and *thus* were ministers of the word,

3 it seemed good also to me, after having understood all the things from the beginning with great diligence, to write them unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

4 that thou mightest know the security of those things in which thou hast been instructed.

5 ¶ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia, and his wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elisabeth.

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, blameless.

7 And they had no child because Elisabeth was barren, and they both were *now* well advanced in years.

8 And it came to pass that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,

9 according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense entering into the temple of the Lord.

10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the time of incense.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias, for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

16 And he shall turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God.

17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the rebellious to the prudence of the just, to make ready a prepared people for the Lord.

18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife *is* well advanced in years.

19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and am sent to speak unto thee and to show thee this gospel.

20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb and not able to speak until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou didst not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

21 And the people waited for Zacharias and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he communicated with signs and remained speechless.

23 And it came to pass that as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived and hid herself five months, saying,

25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among men.

26 ¶ And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth

27 to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David and the virgin's name *was* Mary.

28 And the angel came in unto her and said, Hail, *thou that art* much graced, the Lord *is* with thee; blessed *art* thou among women.

29 And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his words and wondered in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 Then the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son and shalt call his name Jesus.

32 He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David;

33 and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called *the* Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy relative Elisabeth, she has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her, who *was* called barren.

37 For with God nothing is impossible.

38 Then Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

39 ¶ And Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste into a city of Juda

40 and entered into the house of Zacharias and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass that when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit;

42 and she spoke out with a loud voice and said, Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb.

43 And whence *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For, behold, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed *is* she that believed, for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

46 Then Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saving Health,

48 for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden; for, behold, from now on all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty has done great things unto me, and holy *is* his name.

50 And his mercy *is* on those that fear him from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones and exalted the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.

54 He has received his servant Israel in remembrance of *his* mercy

55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.

56 And Mary abode with her about three months and then returned to her own house.

57 ¶ Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered and she brought forth a son.

58 And her neighbours and her relatives heard how the Lord had showed great mercy upon her, and they rejoiced with her.

59 And it came to pass that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they called him Zacharias after the name of his father.

60 And his mother answered and said, Not so, but he shall be called John.

61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

62 And they communicated with signs to his father, *asking* how he would have him called.

63 And he asked for a writing table and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they all marvelled.

64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue *loosed*, and he spoke blessing God.

65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them, and all these things were spoken of throughout all the hill country of Judaea.

66 And all those that heard *them* laid *them* up in their hearts, saying, Who shall this child be! And the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 ¶ And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

68 Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and made redemption for his people

69 And has raised up a horn of saving health for us in the house of his servant David,

70 as he spoke by the mouth of the saints who from the beginning were his prophets;

71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us;

72 to fulfil mercy unto our fathers and remembering his holy covenant

73 of the oath which he made to our father Abraham,

74 that he would grant unto us, that without fear delivered out of the hand of our enemies, we might serve him

75 in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

76 And thou, child, shalt be called prophet of the Most High, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways,

77 giving knowledge of saving health unto his people for the remission of their sins

78 through the bowels of mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high has visited us

79 to give light to those that dwell in darkness and *in* the shadow of death,
to direct our feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew and was comforted of the Spirit and was in the
deserts until the day of his showing unto Israel.

Luke 2

1 ¶ And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

2 (*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*)

3 And all went to be taxed, each one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judaea unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and family of David)

5 to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 ¶ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, behold, *the* angel of the Lord came upon them, and *the* clarity of *the* Lord shone round about them, and they feared greatly.

10 But the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you *a* gospel of great joy, which shall be to all the people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David *a* Saviour, who is Christ *the* Lord.

12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will in man.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

17 And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad that which had been told them concerning this child.

18 And all those that heard *it* marvelled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, pondering *them* in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 ¶ And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which he was called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem to present *him* to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord)

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

25 ¶ And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he should see the Christ of *the* Lord.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 then he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 Lord, now let thy slave depart in peace, according to thy word,

30 for mine eyes have seen thy saving health,

31 which thou hast prepared before the face of all the peoples:

32 a light to be revealed unto the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

34 And Simeon blessed them and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel and for a sign which shall be spoken against

35 (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser; she was of a great age and had lived with *her* husband seven years from her virginity,

37 and she *was* a widow eighty-four years, who departed not from the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord and spoke of him to all those that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

39 And when they had completed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their own city Nazareth.

40 And the child grew and was comforted of *the* Spirit, filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon him.

41 ¶ And his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43 And having completed the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not *of it*.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey, and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintances.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Knew ye not that it behooves me to be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the word which he spoke unto them.

51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subject unto them, but his mother kept all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and *in* age and in grace with God and men.

Luke 3

1 ¶ Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

2 Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came upon John the son of Zachariah in the wilderness.

3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching *the* baptism of repentance for *the* remission of sins;

4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked ways shall be made straight, and the rough ways *shall be* made smooth;

6 and all flesh shall see the saving health of God.

7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who taught you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham *for our* father; for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees; every tree therefore which does not bring forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.

10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

11 He answered and said unto them, He that has two coats, let him impart to him that has none; and he that has food, let him do likewise.

12 Then *the* publicans also came to be baptized and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Oppress no one, neither accuse *anyone* falsely; and be content with your wages.

15 ¶ And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not,

16 John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you in water, but one mightier than I comes, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; he shall baptize you in *the* Holy Spirit and fire;

17 whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his *threshing* floor and will gather the wheat into his storehouse, but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

18 And exhorting many other things he announced the gospel unto the people.

19 Then Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife and for all the evils which Herod had done,

20 added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

21 ¶ Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass that, Jesus also being baptized and praying, the heaven was opened,

22 and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee is my delight.

23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, who was *the son* of Heli,

24 who was *the son* of Matthat, who was *the son* of Levi, who was *the son* of Melchi, who was *the son* of Janna, who was *the son* of Joseph,

25 who was *the son* of Mattathias, who was *the son* of Amos, who was *the son* of Naum, who was *the son* of Esli, who was *the son* of Nagge,

26 who was *the son* of Maath, who was *the son* of Mattathias, who was *the son* of Semei, who was *the son* of Joseph, who was *the son* of Juda,

27 who was *the son* of Joanna, who was *the son* of Rhesa, who was *the son* of Zorobabel, who was *the son* of Salathiel, who was *the son* of Neri,

28 who was *the son* of Melchi, who was *the son* of Addi, who was *the son* of Cosam, who was *the son* of Elmodam, who was *the son* of Er,

29 who was *the son* of Joshua, who was *the son* of Eliezer, who was *the son* of Jorim, who was *the son* of Matthat, who was *the son* of Levi,

30 who was *the son* of Simeon, who was *the son* of Juda, who was *the son* of Joseph, who was *the son* of Jonan, who was *the son* of Eliakim,

31 who was *the son* of Melea, who was *the son* of Menan, who was *the son* of Mattatha, who was *the son* of Nathan, who was *the son* of David,

32 who was *the son* of Jesse, who was *the son* of Obed, who was *the son* of Booz, {Greek word for “Boaz”} who was *the son* of Salmon, who was *the son* of Naasson,

33 who was *the son* of Aminadab, who was *the son* of Aram, who was *the son* of Esrom, who was *the son* of Phares, who was *the son* of Juda,

34 who was *the son* of Jacob, who was *the son* of Isaac, who was *the son* of Abraham, who was *the son* of Thara, who was *the son* of Nachor,

35 who was *the son* of Saruch, who was *the son* of Ragau, who was *the son* of Peleg, who was *the son* of Heber, who was *the son* of Sala,

36 who was *the son* of Cainan, who was *the son* of Arphaxad, who was *the son* of Shem, who was *the son* of Noah, who was *the son* of Lamech,

37 who was *the son* of Mathusala, who was *the son* of Enoch, who was *the son* of Jared, who was *the son* of Maleleel, who was *the son* of Cainan,

38 who was *the son* of Enos, who was *the son* of Seth, who was *the son* of Adam, who was *the son* of God.

Luke 4

1 ¶ And Jesus being full of the Holy Spirit returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness

2 for forty days and was tempted of the devil. And in those days he ate nothing; and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

3 Then the devil said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

5 And the devil took him up into a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the sphere of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, All this authority I will give thee and the glory of them, for that is delivered unto me, and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

9 And he brought him to Jerusalem and set him on a pinnacle of the temple and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down from here;

10 for it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee,

11 and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And having finished all temptation, the devil departed from him for a season.

14 ¶ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and his fame went out through all the region round about.

15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day and stood up to

read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those that are broken,

19 to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister and sat down. And the eyes of all those that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, Today this scripture is fulfilled in your ears.

22 And all bore him witness and marvelled at the words of grace which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself; whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land,

26 but unto none of them was Elijah sent, except unto Sarepta, *a city* of Sidon, unto a widow woman.

27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed, except Naaman the Syrian.

28 And all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath

29 and rose up and thrust him out of the city and led him unto the brow of the hill upon which their city was built that they might cast him down headlong.

30 But he, passing through the midst of them, went away.

31 ¶ And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.

32 And they were astonished at his doctrine, for his word was with power.

33 And in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon and cried out with a loud voice,

34 saying, Let *us* alone; what have we to do with thee, *thou* Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art: the Holy One of God.

35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be silent and come out of him. And the demon, throwing him down in the midst, came out of him and hurt him not.

36 And they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, What word *is* this! For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.

37 And his fame went out into every place of the country round about.

38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever, and they besought him for her.

39 And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had anyone sick with diverse diseases brought them unto him, and laying his hands on each one of them, he healed them.

41 And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, Thou art the Christ, the Son of God. And he rebuking *them* suffered them not to speak, for they knew that he was the Christ.

42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place, and the people sought him and came unto him and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.

43 And he said unto them, I must announce the gospel of the kingdom of God to other cities also because for this am I sent.

44 And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

Luke 5

1 ¶ And it came to pass that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret

2 and saw two ships that were by *the shore of* the lake, but the fishermen were gone out of them and were washing *their* nets.

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people out of the ship.

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing; nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had done this, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes, and their net was breaking.

7 And they beckoned unto *their* partners, who were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down on *his* knees before Jesus, saying, Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.

9 For he was overcome with fear, and all that *were* with him, at the catch of the fishes which they had taken;

10 and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from now on thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all and followed him.

12 ¶ And it came to pass when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy who, seeing Jesus, fell on *his* face and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

13 And he put forth *his* hand and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

14 And he charged him to tell no one. But go and show thyself to the priest and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

15 But so much the more his fame went forth, and great multitudes came together to hear and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

16 But he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed.

17 ¶ And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, who were come out of every town of Galilee and Judaea and Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.

18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they sought *means* to bring him in and to lay *him* before him.

19 And when they could not find any way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop and let him down through the tiling with *his* couch into the midst before Jesus.

20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 Then Jesus, knowing their thoughts *and* answering them said, What reason ye in your hearts?

23 What is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee, or to say, Rise up and walk?

24 But that ye may know that the Son of man has power upon earth to forgive sins (he said unto the paralytic), I say unto thee, Arise and take up thy couch and go to thine house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them and took up that upon which he lay and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen marvels today.

27 ¶ And after these things he went forth and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom, and he said unto him, Follow me.

28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

29 And Levi made a great banquet in his own house and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down at the table with them.

30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?

31 And Jesus answering said unto them, Those that are whole have no need of a physician, but those that are sick.

32 I came not to call *the* righteous, but sinners to repentance.

33 Then they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers and likewise *the disciples* of the Pharisees, but thine eat and drink?

34 And he said unto them, Can ye make the sons of the bridechamber fast while the bridegroom is with them?

35 But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

36 And he also spoke a parable unto them: No one takes a piece of a new garment to mend an old one; if otherwise, then the new one is rent, and the piece that was *taken* out of the new does not agree with the old.

37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; *or* else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled and the wineskins shall perish.

38 But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

39 No one also having drunk of the old straightway desires the new, for he says, The old is better.

Luke 6

1 ¶ And it came to pass on *the* second sabbath after the first that he went through the grain fields and his disciples plucked the ears of grain and ate, rubbing *them* in *their* hands.

2 And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days?

3 And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when he and those that were with him were hungry,

4 how he went into the house of God and did take and eat the showbread and gave also to those that were with him, which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone?

5 And he said unto them, The Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath.

6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath that he entered into the synagogue and taught, and a man was there whose right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day, that they might find an accusation against him.

8 But he knew their thoughts and said to the man who had the withered hand, Rise up and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good or to do evil? to save *a* person or to destroy *them*?

10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so, and his hand was restored whole as the other.

11 And they were filled with madness and talked one with another *about* what they might do to Jesus.

12 ¶ And it came to pass in those days that he went out into the mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer to God.

13 And when it was day, he called *unto him* his disciples; and of them he chose twelve, whom he also named apostles:

14 Simon (whom he also named Peter) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,

15 Matthew and Thomas, James the *son* of Alphaeus and Simon called Zelotes

16 and Judas *the brother* of James and Judas Iscariot, who also was the traitor.

17 And he came down with them and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases;

18 and those that were tormented with unclean spirits were healed.

19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him, for there went virtue out of him and healed *them* all.

20 ¶ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples and said, Blessed *are* the poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed *are those* that hunger now, for ye shall be filled. Blessed *are those* that weep now, for ye shall laugh.

22 Blessed are ye when men shall hate you and when they shall separate you *from their company* and shall reproach *you* and cast out your name as evil for the sake of the Son of man.

23 Rejoice ye in that day and leap for joy; for, behold, your reward *is* great in heaven, for their fathers treated the prophets in the same manner.

24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

25 Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

26 Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers treat the false prophets.

27 ¶ But I say unto you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

28 bless those that curse you, and pray for those who despitefully use you.

29 And unto the one that smites thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other, and to the one that takes away thy cloak defend not *thy* coat also.

30 Give to everyone that asks of thee, and of the one that takes away thy goods ask *them* not to return them.

31 And as ye desire that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32 For if ye love those who love you, what grace shall ye have? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to those who do good to you, what grace shall ye have? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend *to those* of whom ye hope to receive, what grace shall ye have? for sinners also lend to sinners to receive as much again.

35 But rather love ye your enemies and do good and lend, hoping for nothing again, and your reward shall be great; and ye shall be the sons of the Most High, for he is kind *even* unto the unthankful and *to* the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

37 ¶ Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; forgive, and ye shall be forgiven;

38 give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye measure out it shall be measured to you again.

39 And he spoke a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the pit?

40 The disciple is not above his master, but any one that is as the master shall be perfect.

41 And why dost thou behold the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but not perceive the beam that is in thine own eye?

42 Or how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself dost not behold the beam that is in thine own eye? Hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

43 For a good tree does not bring forth corrupt fruit; neither does a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44 For every tree is known by its own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush do they gather grapes.

45 The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good, and the evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil, for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

47 Whosoever comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you to whom he is like:

48 he is like a man who built a house and dug deep and laid the foundation upon rock; and when the flood arose, the river beat vehemently upon that house and could not shake it, for it was founded upon rock.

49 But he that hears and does not do is like a man that built a house upon the earth without a foundation against which the river beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Luke 7

1 ¶ Now when he had ended all his words in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's slave, who was dear unto him, was sick and ready to die.

3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and free his slave.

4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he is worthy that this should be done for him,

5 for he loves our nation and he has built us a synagogue.

6 Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself, for I am not worthy that thou should enter under my roof;

7 therefore neither did I think myself worthy to come unto thee but say the word, and my slave shall be healed.

8 For I also am a man set under authority, having soldiers under me, and I say unto one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my slave, Do this, and he does *it*.

9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him and turned about and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you *that* not even in Israel have I found such great faith.

10 And those that had been sent, returning to the house, found the slave that had been sick whole.

11 ¶ And it came to pass the day after that he went into a city called Nain, and many of his disciples went with him, and many people.

12 Now when he came near to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and many people from the city were with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said unto her, Weep not.

14 And he came and touched the bier, and those that bore *him* stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

15 And he that was dead sat up and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

16 And there came a fear on all, and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us, and, That God has visited his people.

17 And this word of him went forth throughout all Judaea and throughout all the region round about.

18 And the disciples of John showed him of all these things.

19 ¶ And John calling *unto him* two of his disciples sent *them* to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

20 When the men were come unto him, they said, John the Baptist has sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

21 And in that same hour he cured many of *their* infirmities and plagues and of evil spirits, and unto many *that were* blind he gave sight.

22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go and tell John the things ye have seen and heard: how the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached;

23 and blessed is whoever shall not be offended in me.

24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

25 But what went ye out to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those that are gorgeously apparelled and live delicately are in kings' courts.

26 But what went ye out to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

27 This is *he* of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.

28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist, but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

29 And all the people that heard *him* and the publicans justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

31 And the Lord said, Unto whom then shall I compare the men of this generation? and to what are they like?

32 They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace and calling one to another and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept.

33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and ye say, He has a demon.

34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking, and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

35 But wisdom is justified of all her children.

36 ¶ And one of the Pharisees asked him if he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house and sat down to food.

37 And, behold, a woman who had been a sinner in the city, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at food in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38 and stood at his feet behind *him* weeping and began to wash his feet with tears and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head and kissed his feet and anointed *them* with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw *it*, he spoke within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman *this is* that touches him, for she is a sinner.

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have something to say unto thee. And he said, Master, say on.

41 There was a certain creditor who had two debtors: the one owed five hundred denarius, and the other fifty.

42 And when they had nothing to pay, he released them both *from their debt*. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that *he* to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

44 And he turned to the woman and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thy house, thou didst give me no water for my feet; but she has washed my feet with tears and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss; but this woman since the time I came in has not ceased to kiss my feet.

46 Thou didst not anoint my head with oil; but this woman has anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Therefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little.

48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

49 And those that sat at food with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgives sins also?

50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith has saved thee; go in peace.

Luke 8

1 ¶ And it came to pass afterward that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and announcing the gospel of the kingdom of God, and the twelve with him,

2 and certain women, who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who ministered unto him of their substance.

4 ¶ And when many people were gathered together and were come to him out of every city, he spoke by a parable:

5 A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed, some fell along the way, and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

6 And some fell upon the rock, and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

8 And some fell on good ground and sprang up and bore fruit a hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?

10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the others in parables that seeing they might not see and hearing they might not understand.

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those along the way are those that hear; then comes the devil and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 Those on the rock *are* those that when they hear, receive the word with joy, but these have no root, who for a while believe and in time of temptation fall away.

14 And that which fell among thorns are those who when they have heard go forth and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the good ground are those who in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep *it* and bring forth fruit with patience.

16 No one when they have lighted a lamp cover it with a vessel or put *it* under a bed, but set *it* on a lampstand, that those who enter in may see the light.

17 For nothing is secret that shall not be made manifest, neither *any thing* hid that shall not be known and come to light.

18 Take heed therefore how ye hear, for whosoever has, to him shall be given; and whosoever has not, from him shall be taken even that which he seems to have.

19 Then *his* mother and his brethren came to him and could not get to him for the crowd.

20 And it was told him *by certain* who said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand outside, desiring to see thee.

21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are those who hear the word of God and do it.

22 ¶ Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples, and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

23 But as they sailed, he fell asleep; and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were being filled *with water* and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to him and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and there was a calm.

25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they, being afraid, wondered, saying one to another, Who is this! for he even commands the winds and the water, and they obey him.

26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee.

27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, who had demons for a long time and wore no clothes, neither abode in *any* house, but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of God most

high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him, and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters, and he broke the bands and was driven of the demon into the wilderness.)

30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion, because many demons were entered into him.

31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the abyss.

32 And there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain, and they besought him that he would allow them to enter into them. And he allowed them.

33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered into the swine, and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake and were choked.

34 When those that fed *them* saw what was done, they fled and went and told *it* in the city and in the country.

35 Then they went out to see what was done and came to Jesus and found the man, out of whom the demons were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

36 And those who saw *it* told them by what means he that was possessed of the demons was saved.

37 Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them, for they were taken with great fear; and he went up into the ship and returned back again.

38 Now the man out of whom the demons were departed besought him that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 Return to thine own house and tell what great things God has done unto thee. And he went, preaching throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done unto him.

40 ¶ And it came to pass that when Jesus returned, the people received him, for they were all waiting for him.

41 And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was *a* prince of the synagogue, and he fell down at Jesus' feet and besought him that he would come into his house;

42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay dying. But as he went, the people thronged him.

43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, who had spent all her living upon physicians but could not be healed by any,

44 came behind *him* and touched the border of his garment, and immediately her issue of blood stopped.

45 Then Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and those that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press *thee*, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

46 And Jesus said, Someone has touched me, for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.

47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him and how she was healed immediately.

48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith has made thee whole; go in peace.

49 While he yet spoke, there came one from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.

50 But when Jesus heard *it*, he answered him, saying, Fear not; only believe, and she shall be made whole.

51 And when he came into the house, he allowed no one to go in except Peter and James and John and the father and the mother of the maiden.

52 And all wept and bewailed her, but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleeps.

53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.

54 And he put them all out and took her by the hand and called, saying, Maid, arise.

55 Then her spirit returned, and she arose straightway, and he commanded to give her food.

56 And her parents were astonished, but he charged them that they should tell no one what was done.

Luke 9

1 ¶ Then he called his twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to cure diseases.

2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for *your* journey: neither staves nor provision bag, neither bread, neither money, neither have two coats apiece.

4 And whatever house ye enter into, abide there and depart from there.

5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

6 And they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing every where.

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him, and he was perplexed because it was said of some that John was risen from the dead,

8 and of some, that Elijah had appeared, and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again.

9 And Herod said, I have beheaded John, but who is this of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him.

10 ¶ And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.

11 And the people, when they knew *it*, followed him, and he received them and spoke unto them of the kingdom of God and healed those that had need of healing.

12 And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve and said unto him, Send the multitude away that they may go into the towns and country round about and lodge and get victuals, for we are here in a desert place.

13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more than five loaves and two fishes, unless we should go and buy food for all these people.

14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down in companies of fifty.

15 And they did so and made them all sit down.

16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them and broke and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

17 And they ate and were all filled, and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

18 ¶ And it came to pass as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him, and he asked them, saying, Who do the people say that I am?

19 They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets is risen again.

20 He said unto them, But who do ye say that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.

21 And he straitly charged them and commanded *them* not to tell anyone this,

22 saying, The Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders and of the princes of the priests and scribes and be slain and be raised the third day.

23 And he said to *them* all, If anyone will come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their *cross* {Gr. *stauros* – stake} daily and follow me.

24 For whosoever desires to save his soul shall lose it, but whosoever will lose his soul for my sake, the same shall save it.

25 For what is a man advantaged if he gains the whole world, having destroyed himself or having suffered the loss of *himself*?

26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed when he shall come in his own glory and *in his* Father's and of the holy angels.

27 But I tell you in truth, there are some standing here who shall not taste of death until they see the kingdom of God.

28 ¶ And it came to pass about eight days after these words, he took Peter and John and James and went up into the mountain to pray.

29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment *was* white *and* glistening.

30 And, behold, two men talked with him, who were Moses and Elijah,

31 who appeared in majesty and spoke of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 But Peter and those that were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they awoke, they saw his glory and the two men that stood with him.

33 And it came to pass as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to remain here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah, not knowing what he said.

34 While he was speaking this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son; hear him.

36 And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days any of those things which they had seen.

37 ¶ And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the mountain, many people met him.

38 And, behold, a man of the multitude cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son, for he is my only child.

39 And, behold, a spirit takes him, and he suddenly cries out; and it throws him into convulsions with foaming, and with difficulty it departs from him, bruising him.

40 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out, and they could not.

41 And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and suffer you? Bring thy son here.

42 And as he was yet a coming, the demon threw him down into convulsions; but Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the child and delivered him again to his father.

43 ¶ And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they all wondered at all *the* things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,

44 Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.

45 But they did not understand this word, and it was hid from them that they should not understand, and they feared to ask him regarding this.

46 Then there arose a dispute among them, which of them should be *the* greatest.

47 But Jesus, seeing the thoughts of their heart, took a child and set him by him,

48 and said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receives me, and whosoever shall receive me receives him that sent me; for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbade him, because he does not follow with us.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid *him* not, for he that is not against us is for us.

51 ¶ And it came to pass when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem

52 and sent messengers before his face; and they went and entered into a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him.

53 And they did not receive him because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

54 And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elijah did?

55 But he turned and rebuked them and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

56 For the Son of man is not come to lose men's souls, but to save *them*. And they went to another village.

57 ¶ And it came to pass that as they went in the way, a certain *man* said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the heaven *have* nests, but the Son of man has not where to lay *his* head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead, but go thou and declare the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee, but let me first go bid farewell those who are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No one having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.

Luke 10

1 ¶ After these things the Lord appointed another seventy also and sent them two by two before his face into every city and place where he himself would come.

2 Therefore he said unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers *are* few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

3 Go; behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither purse nor provision bag nor shoes, and greet no one on the way.

5 And into whatever house ye enter, first say, Peace *be* to this house.

6 And if indeed there is a son of peace there, your peace shall rest upon it; if not, it shall turn to you again.

7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8 And into whatever city ye enter and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you

9 and heal the sick that are therein and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come near unto you.

10 But into whatever city ye enter and they receive you not, go out into the streets of the same and say,

11 Even the very dust of your city which cleaves on us we do wipe off against you; notwithstanding be ye sure of this that the kingdom of God is come near unto you.

12 But I say unto you that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city.

13 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which have been done in you, they would have repented a long while ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 Therefore it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto the heavens, shalt be thrust down to Hades.

16 He that hears you hears me, and he that despises you despises me, and he that despises me despises him that sent me.

17 ¶ And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding, rejoice not in this, that the spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in the heavens.

21 In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes; even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

22 All things are delivered to me of my Father, and no one knows who the Son is, but the Father, and who the Father is, but the Son and *he* to whom the Son will reveal *him*.

23 And he turned him unto *his* disciples and said privately, Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things that ye see,

24 for I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see those things which ye see and did not see *them* and to hear those things which ye hear and did not hear *them*.

25 ¶ And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? How readest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy understanding, and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right; do this, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment and wounded *him* and departed, leaving *him* half dead.

31 And it so happened that a certain priest came down that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he came near the place and looked *on him*, *he* passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion

34 and went to *him* and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two denarius and gave *them* to the host and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go and do thou likewise.

38 ¶ Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about in much serving and came to him and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things;

42 but *only* one thing is necessary, and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Luke 11

1 ¶ And it came to pass that as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father who art in the heavens, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so also in the earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend and shall go unto him at midnight and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity, he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those that ask him?

14 ¶ And he was casting out a demon, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the demon was gone out, *the one who had been* dumb spoke; and the people marvelled.

15 But some of them said, He casts out devils through Beelzebub the prince of the demons.

16 And others, tempting *him*, sought of him a sign from heaven.

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every house or city *divided* against itself will not remain.

18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out demons through Beelzebub.

19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? therefore shall they be your judges.

20 But if I with the finger of God cast out the demons, certainly the kingdom of God is come upon you.

21 When an armed strong man keeps his palace, his goods are in peace;

22 but when another stronger than he shall come upon him and overcome him, he takes from him all his arms in which he trusted and divides his spoils.

23 He that is not with me is against me, and he that does not gather with me scatters.

24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walks through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, I will return unto my house from which I came out.

25 And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and garnished.

26 Then he goes, and takes *unto him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in and dwell there, and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.

27 ¶ And it came to pass as he spoke these things, a certain woman of the crowd lifted up her voice and said unto him, Blessed *is* the womb that bare thee and the breasts which thou hast sucked.

28 But he said, Rather, blessed *are* those that hear the word of God and keep it.

29 ¶ And gathering the people unto him, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign, and no sign shall be given it but the sign of Jonah the prophet.

30 For as Jonah was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment against the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon *is* here.

32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, a greater than Jonah *is* here.

33 No one, when he has lighted a lamp, puts *it* in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a lampstand that those who come in may see the light.

34 The lamp of the body is the eye; therefore when thine eye is sincere, thy whole body also is full of light; but when *thine* eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

35 Take heed therefore if the light which is in thee is darkness.

36 If thy whole body therefore *is* full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light as when the bright shining of a lamp doth give thee light.

37 ¶ And as he spoke, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him, and he went in and sat down to food.

38 And when the Pharisee saw *it*, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

40 Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?

41 But rather give alms {lit. do acts of mercy} of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs and pass over the judgment and the charity of God; these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

43 Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the first seats in the synagogues and greetings in the markets.

44 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which are not seen, and the men that walk over *them* are not aware *of them*.

45 Then one of the lawyers answered and said unto him, Master, saying these things, thou dost reproach us also.

46 And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye burden men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

48 Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres.

49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they shall slay and *others* they shall persecute:

50 that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation,

51 from the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, who perished between the altar and the temple; verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and those that were entering in, ye hindered.

53 And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge *him* vehemently and to provoke him to speak of many things,

54 laying wait for him and seeking to catch something out of his mouth that they might accuse him.

Luke 12

1 ¶ In the meantime, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

2 For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, neither hid that shall not be known.

3 Therefore whatever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light, and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of those that kill the body and, after that, have no more that they can do.

5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, who, after being killed, has power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows.

8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God;

9 but he that denies me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, there is forgiveness for him; but unto him that blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven.

11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues and *unto* magistrates and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer or what ye shall say;

12 for the Holy Spirit shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

13 ¶ And one of the crowd said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15 And he said unto them, Take heed and beware of *all* covetousness; for a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses.

16 And he spoke a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully;

17 and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my storehouses and build greater, and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast many goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.

20 But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou hast stored up?

21 So is he that lays up treasure for himself and is not rich in God.

22 ¶ And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than food, and the body *is more* than raiment.

24 Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

26 If ye then are not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothes the grass, which is today in the field and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more *will he clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, neither be ye high minded.

30 For all these things do the Gentiles of the world seek after, and your Father knows that ye have need of these things.

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell what ye have and give alms; {lit. do acts of mercy} provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that fails not, where no thief approaches neither moth corrupts.

34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

35 Let your loins be girded about and *your* lamps burning,

36 and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he comes and knocks, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blessed *are* those slaves, whom the lord when he comes shall find watching; verily I say unto you that he shall gird himself and make them to sit down to food and will come forth and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch or come in the third watch and find *them* so, blessed are those slaves.

39 And know this: that if the husband of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of man comes at an hour when ye think not.

41 ¶ Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us or even to all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household to give *them their* portion of food in due season?

43 Blessed *is* that slave whom his lord when he comes shall find so doing.

44 Of a truth I say unto you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

45 But and if that slave *shall* say in his heart, My lord delays his coming, and shall begin to beat the menslaves and maids and to eat and drink and to be drunken,

46 the lord of that slave will come in a day when he does not look for *him* and at an hour when he is not aware and will cut him off and will appoint him his portion with the unfaithful.

47 And that slave who knew his lord's will and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.

48 But he that knew not and did commit things worthy of stripes shall be beaten with few *stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required; and to whom much was committed, more will be asked of him.

49 I am come to cast fire into the earth; and what do I desire, except that it be kindled?

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am anguished until it is accomplished!

51 Think ye that I am come to the earth to give peace? No, I tell you, but rather division;

52 for from now on there shall be five in one house divided: three against two and two against three.

53 The father shall be divided against the son and the son against the father, the mother against the daughter and the daughter against the mother, the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

54 ¶ And he said also to the people, When ye see the cloud rising out of the west, straightway ye say, A shower comes, and so it is.

55 And when the south wind blows, ye say, There will be heat, and it comes to pass.

56 Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

57 Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?

58 When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, *as thou art* in the way, give diligence that thou may be delivered from him, lest he drag thee away to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison.

59 I tell thee, in no wise shalt thou come out of there until thou hast paid the very last mite.

Luke 13

1 ¶ There were present at the same time some that told him of the Galilaeans whose blood Pilate had mingled with his sacrifices.

2 And Jesus, answering, said unto them, Think ye that these Galilaeans suffered such things because they were greater sinners than all the *other* Galilaeans?

3 I tell you, No; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and slew them, think ye that they were greater debtors than *all the other* men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, No; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

6 ¶ And He spoke this parable: A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came and sought fruit upon it and found none.

7 Then he said unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none; cut it down; why does it cumber the ground?

8 And he, answering, said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also until I shall dig about it and dung *it*,

9 and if it bears fruit, *well*; and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.

10 ¶ And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11 And, behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years and was bowed together and could in no wise lift *herself* up.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called *her* and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13 And he laid *his* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight and glorified God.

14 And the prince of the synagogue answered with indignation because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, and said unto the people, There are six days in which it behooves *men* to work; in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him and said, *Thou* hypocrite, does not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or *his* ass from the stall and lead *it* away

to drink?

16 And *regarding* this daughter of Abraham, who, behold, Satan had bound eighteen years, does it not behoove *us* to release her from this bond on the Sabbath day?

17 And as he said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed, but all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

18 ¶ Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and unto what shall I compare it?

19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and cast into his garden; and it grew and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the heaven lodged in the branches of it.

20 And again he said, Unto what shall I compare the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened.

22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.

23 ¶ Then someone said unto him, Lord, are there few that are saved? And he said unto them,

24 Strive to enter in at the narrow gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in and shall not be able.

25 When once the husband of the house is risen up and shall have shut the door, and ye begin to stand without and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not from where ye are,

26 then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27 But he shall say unto you, I know you not from where ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

28 In that place shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth when ye shall see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out.

29 And *others* shall come from the east and *from* the west and from the north and *from* the south and shall sit *at the table* in the kingdom of God.

30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

31 ¶ The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Go out and depart from here, for Herod will kill thee.

32 And he said unto them, Go ye and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out demons, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.

33 Nevertheless I must walk today and tomorrow and the *day* following, for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.

34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which kills the prophets and stones those that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, and ye would not!

35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate; and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me until *the time* comes when ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Luke 14

1 ¶ And it came to pass as he went into the house of one of the princes of the Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day that they watched him.

2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him who had the dropsy.

3 And Jesus, answering, spoke unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?

4 And they were silent. And he took *him* and healed him and dismissed him

5 and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?

6 And they could not answer him as to these things.

7 ¶ And observing how they chose the first seats at the table, he put forth a parable to those who were invited, saying unto them,

8 When thou art called to a wedding by anyone, do not sit down in the highest place, lest a more honourable man than thou be invited of him,

9 and he that called thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place, and thou begin with shame to have the lowest place.

10 But when thou art called, go and sit down in the lowest place that when he that invited thee comes, he may say unto thee, Friend, come up higher; then shalt thou have glory in the presence of those that sit *at the table* with thee.

11 For whosoever exalts himself shall be abased, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.

12 Then said he also to him that invited him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen nor *thy* rich neighbours, lest they also invite thee again, and a recompense be made thee.

13 But when thou makest a banquet, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind,

14 and thou shalt be blessed, for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

15 ¶ And when one of those that sat *at the table* with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed *is* he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper and called many

17 and sent his slave at supper time to say to those that were called, Come, for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a field, and I have need to go and see it; I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that slave came and showed his lord these things. Then the husband of the house, being angry, said to his slave, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the halt and the blind.

22 And the slave said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the slave, Go out into the highways and hedges and compel *them* to come in that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were called shall taste of my supper.

25 ¶ And great multitudes went with him, and he turned and said unto them,

26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, and even his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 And whosoever does not bear his *cross* {Gr. *stauros* – stake} and come after me cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you intending to build a tower does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *sufficient* to finish *it*?

29 Lest perhaps after he has laid the foundation and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him,

30 saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31 Or what king going to make war against another king does not sit down first and consult whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him that comes against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and desires conditions of peace.

33 So likewise, any one of you that does not forsake all that he has cannot be my disciple.

34 Salt *is* good; but if the salt has lost its savour, with what shall it be seasoned?

35 It is neither good for the land, nor for the dunghill; it is cast out. He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

Luke 15

1 ¶ Then all the publicans and sinners drew near unto him to hear him.

2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receives sinners and eats with them.

3 And he spoke this parable unto them, saying,

4 What man of you having a hundred sheep if he lose one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after that which is lost until he finds it?

5 And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7 I say unto you that likewise there shall be more joy in heaven over one sinner that repents than over ninety-nine just persons, who need no repentance.

8 Or what woman having ten drachmas, if she loses one drachma, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds *it*?

9 And when she has found *it*, she calls *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma which I had lost.

10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents.

11 ¶ And he said, A certain man had two sons;

12 and the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of the estate that falls *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living.

13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country and there wasted his estate with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he longed to fill his belly with the husks that the swine ate, but no one gave *them* unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have abundance of bread, and I perish *here* with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee

19 and am no longer worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 And he arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight and am no longer worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his slaves, Bring forth the best robe and put *it* on him and put a ring on his hand and shoes on *his* feet

23 and bring here the fatted calf and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry;

24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry.

25 Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come, and thy father has killed the fatted calf because he has received him safe and sound.

28 And he was angry and would not go in, therefore his father came out and intreated him.

29 And he, answering, said to *his* father, Behold, these many years I have served thee, neither at any time have I transgressed thy commandment; and yet thou never gavest me a kid that I might make merry with my friends.

30 But as soon as this thy son was come who has devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed the fatted calf for him.

31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art always with me, and all that I have is thine.

32 It was necessary that we should make merry and be glad, for this thy brother was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

Luke 16

1 ¶ And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

2 And he called him and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship, for thou may no longer be steward.

3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord takes the stewardship away from me; I cannot dig, *and* I am ashamed to beg.

4 I know what I shall do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

5 So he called each one of his lord's debtors *unto him* and said unto the first, How much dost thou owe unto my lord?

6 And he said, A hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill and sit down quickly and write fifty.

7 Then said he to another, And how much dost thou owe? And he said, A hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill and write eighty.

8 And the lord commended the unjust steward because he had done discreetly; for the sons of this age are in their generation more prudent than the sons of light.

9 And I say unto you, Make friends unto yourselves with the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when these fail, you may be received into eternal dwellings.

10 He that is faithful with little is faithful also with much, and he that is unjust with little is unjust also with much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things, and they derided him.

15 And he said unto them, Ye are they who justify themselves before men, but God knows your hearts, for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

16 The law and the prophets *were* until John; since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and whosoever *will* presses into it.

17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass than one tittle of the law to fail.

18 Whosoever puts away his wife and marries another commits adultery, and whosoever marries her that is put away of *her* husband commits adultery.

19 ¶ There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day;

20 and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, who was laid at his gate, full of sores

21 and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass that the beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom; the rich man also died and was buried;

23 and in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime didst receive thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted *here*, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who would pass from here to you cannot; neither can they pass from there to us.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou would send him to my father's house,

28 for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham said unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, No, father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, *even* though one rose from the dead.

Luke 17

1 ¶ Then he said unto the disciples, It is impossible that offenses will not come, but woe unto the one through whom they come!

2 It would be better for him if a millstone turned by an ass were placed around his neck and he *were* cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.

3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother *should* trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

4 And if he trespasses against thee seven times in a day and seven times in a day turns again to thee, saying, I repent, thou shalt forgive him.

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamore tree, Pluck thyself up by the root, and plant thyself in the sea, and it would obey you.

7 But which of you, having a slave plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by when he is come from the field, Go and sit down at the table?

8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup and gird thyself and serve me until I have eaten and drunken, and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

9 Does he thank that slave because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not.

10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable slaves: we have done that which was our duty to do.

11 ¶ And it came to pass as he went to Jerusalem that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he entered into a certain village, ten men that were lepers met him, who stood afar off

13 and lifted up their voices and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 When he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass that as they went, they were cleansed.

15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back and with a loud voice glorified God

16 and fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks; and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?

18 Were there not found any returning to give glory to God, except this stranger?

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go; thy faith has saved thee.

20 ¶ And when he was asked of the Pharisees when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God does not come with observation;

21 neither shall they say, Behold it here! or, Behold it there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see *it*.

23 And they shall say to you, Behold it here, or, Behold it there; do not go, nor follow *them*.

24 For as the lightning, which shines from the region under heaven, shines in that which is under heaven; so also shall the Son of man be in his day.

25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected of this generation.

26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

29 but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

31 In that day, he who shall be upon the housetop and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away; and he that is in the field, let him

likewise not turn back.

32 Remember Lot's wife.

33 Whosoever shall seek to save his soul shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose it shall cause it to live.

34 I tell you in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed: the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

35 Two *women* shall be grinding together: the one shall be taken, and the other left.

36 Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Where the body *is*, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Luke 18

1 ¶ And he spoke a parable unto them *to this end*, that it behooves *us* always to pray and not faint,

2 saying, There was in a city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man;

3 and there was a widow in that city, and she came unto him, saying, Defend me from my adversary.

4 And he would not for a while, but afterward he said within himself, Though I do not fear God, nor regard man,

5 yet because this widow troubles me, I will do her justice, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge says.

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect who cry day and night unto him though he bears long regarding them?

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man comes, shall he find faith on the earth?

9 ¶ And he spoke this parable unto some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men *are*: extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast two *meals* every sabbath; I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God, reconcile me, a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for anyone that exalts himself shall be humbled, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.

15 ¶ And they brought unto him also infants that he would touch them; but when *his* disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them.

16 But Jesus called them *unto him* and said, Suffer *the* little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God.

17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

18 ¶ And a certain prince asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19 And Jesus said unto him, Why dost thou call me good? No one *is* good except one, *that is*, God.

20 Thou knowest the commandments, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not murder, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.

21 And he said, All these things I have kept from my youth up.

22 Now when Jesus heard this, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.

23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How difficult it is for those that have riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

25 For it is easier to put a cable through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And those that heard *it* said, Who then can be saved?

27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

28 Then Peter said, Behold, we have left all and followed thee.

29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no one that has left house or parents or brethren or wife or children for the kingdom of God's sake

30 who shall not receive manifold more in this present time and in the age to come, eternal life.

31 ¶ Then he took *unto him* the twelve and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles and shall be mocked and spitefully treated and spitted on;

33 and they shall scourge *him* and put him to death, but the third day he shall rise again.

34 And they understood none of these things, and this word was hid from them, and they did not know what was said.

35 ¶ And it came to pass that as he came near unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat beside the way begging,

36 and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what this might be.

37 And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth passes by.

38 And he cried out, saying, Jesus, *thou* Son of David, have mercy on me.

39 And those who went before rebuked him that he should remain silent; but he cried out so much the more, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on me.

40 And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought unto him, and when he was come near, he asked him,

41 saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may see.

42 And Jesus said unto him, See; thy faith has saved thee.

43 And immediately he saw and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise unto God.

Luke 19

- 1 ¶ And *Jesus*, having entered, was passing through Jericho;
- 2 and, behold, a man named Zacchaeus, who was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.
- 3 And he sought to see who *Jesus* was and could not for the crowd because he was small of stature.
- 4 And running ahead, he climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way.
- 5 And when *Jesus* came to the place, he looked up and saw him and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for today I must abide at thy house.
- 6 And he made haste and came down and received him joyfully.
- 7 And when they saw *it*, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.
- 8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold.
- 9 And *Jesus* said unto him, This day saving health is come to this house, inasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.
- 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
- 11 ¶ And as they heard these things, he added and spoke a parable because he was near to Jerusalem and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately be manifested.
- 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.
- 13 And having called ten of his slaves, he delivered them ten minas and said unto them, Trade until I come.
- 14 But his citizens hated him and sent an embassy after him, saying, We will not have this *man* to reign over us.
- 15 And it came to pass that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these slaves to be called unto him, to whom

he had given the money, that he might know how much each one had gained by trading.

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy mina has gained ten minas.

17 And he said unto him, Well done, thou good slave; because thou hast been faithful in a very little, thou *shalt* have authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy mina has made five minas.

19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, *here is* thy mina, which I have kept laid up in a napkin,

21 for I feared thee because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that which thou didst not lay down and dost reap that which thou didst not sow.

22 Then he said unto him, Out of thine own mouth I will judge thee, *thou* wicked slave. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that which I did not lay down, and reaping that which I did not sow;

23 why then didst thou not give my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required my own with interest?

24 And he said unto those that stood by, Take from him the mina and give *it* to him that has the ten minas.

25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he has ten minas.)

26 For I say unto you, That unto every one who has shall be given; and from him that has not, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.

27 Moreover, those enemies of mine, who were unwilling that I should reign over them, bring them here and slay *them* before me.

28 ¶ And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.

29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called *the mount* of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,

30 saying, Go ye into the village over against *you*, in which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, upon whom no one has ever sat; loose him, and bring *him here*.

31 And if anyone asks you, Why do ye loose *him*? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord has need of him.

32 And those that were sent went and found even as he had said unto them.

33 And as they were loosing the colt, its owners said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?

34 And they said, The Lord has need of him.

35 And they brought him to Jesus, and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus upon it.

36 And as he went, they spread their garments in the way.

37 And when he was come near, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,

38 saying, Blessed *be* the King that comes in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven, and glory in *the* highest.

39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that if these should be silent, the stones would immediately cry out.

41 ¶ And when he was come near, he beheld the city and wept over it,

42 saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

43 For the days shall come upon thee that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee and compass thee round and constrain thee on every side

44 and shall cast thee down to the ground and thy children within thee, and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

45 And he went into the temple and began to cast out those selling and buying therein,

46 saying unto them, It is written, My house is a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves.

47 And he taught daily in the temple. But the princes of the priests and the scribes and the principals of the people sought to kill him

48 and could not find what they might do, for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

Luke 20

1 ¶ And it came to pass *that* on one of those days as he taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, the princes of the priests and the scribes came upon *him* with the elders

2 and spoke unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?

3 And he answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one thing, and answer me:

4 The baptism of John, was it from heaven or of men?

5 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven, he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

6 But and if we say, Of men, all the people will stone us; for they are certain that John was a prophet.

7 And they answered that they knew not from where.

8 Then Jesus said unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

9 ¶ And he began to speak this parable to the people: A certain man planted a vineyard and let it out to husbandmen and went into a far country for a long time.

10 And at the season he sent a slave to the husbandmen that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard, but the husbandmen beat him and sent *him* away empty.

11 And again he sent another slave, and they beat him also and treated *him* shamefully and sent *him* away empty.

12 And again he sent a third, and they wounded him also and cast *him* out.

13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; it may be they will reverence *him* when they see him.

14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir; come, let us kill him that the inheritance may be ours.

15 So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed *him*. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?

16 He shall come and destroy these husbandmen and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard *it*, they said, May it not be!

17 But he beheld them and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?

18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken, but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

19 And the princes of the priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him, for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them; but they feared the people.

20 ¶ And they watched *him* and sent forth spies who feigned themselves just men that they might take hold of him as he was speaking, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither dost thou accept the person *of any*, but teachest the way of God with truth;

22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar or no?

23 But he, perceiving their craftiness, said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

24 Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have? They answered and said, Caesar's.

25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things which are God's.

26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people, and they marvelled at his answer and were silent.

27 ¶ Then certain of the Sadducees came, who deny that there is any resurrection, and they asked him,

28 saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, that his brother should take his wife and raise up seed unto his brother.

29 There were therefore seven brethren, and the first took a wife and died without children.

30 And the second took her to wife, and he died childless.

31 And the third took her; and in like manner the seven also, and they left no children and died.

32 Last of all the woman died also.

33 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be? for seven had her to wife.

34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage,

35 but those who are accounted worthy to obtain that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry, nor are given in marriage;

36 for neither can they die any more, for they are equal unto the angels and are the sons of God, being the sons of the resurrection.

37 Now that the dead are raised, even Moses showed *this* at the bush when he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living; for all live unto him.

39 ¶ Then certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said.

40 And after that they dared not ask him any *question at all*.

41 And he said unto them, How do they say that the Christ is David's son?

42 And David himself says in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand

43 until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

44 David therefore calls him Lord; how is he then his son?

45 Then in the audience of all the people, he said unto his disciples,

46 Beware of the scribes, who desire to walk in long robes and love greetings in the markets and the first seats in the synagogues and the first places at suppers;

47 who devour the houses of the widows and for a pretext make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

Luke 21

1 ¶ And he looked up and saw the rich casting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting two mites in there.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you that this poor widow has cast in more than they all;

4 for all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God, but she out of her poverty has cast in all the living that she had.

5 ¶ And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

6 *As for* these things which ye behold, the days will come in which there shall not be left one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign *will there be* when these things shall begin to come to pass?

8 Then he said, Take heed that ye not be deceived, for many shall come in my name, saying, I am; and the time draws near; therefore, go ye not after them.

9 But when ye shall hear of wars and seditions, be not terrified; for these things must first come to pass, but the end is not yet.

10 Then he said unto them, Gentiles shall rise against Gentiles, and kingdom against kingdom;

11 and there shall be great earthquakes in different places and famines and pestilences, and there shall be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues and into prisons, being brought before kings and governors for my name's sake.

13 And it shall turn out to you for a testimony.

14 Settle *it* therefore in your hearts not to meditate before what ye shall answer;

15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents and brethren and kinsfolk and friends, and *some* of you they shall cause to be put to death.

17 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake.

18 But not a hair of your head shall perish.

19 In your patience ye shall possess your souls.

20 ¶ And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is near.

21 Then let those who are in Judaea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of it depart out, and let not those that are in the country enter thereinto.

22 For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 But woe unto those that are with child and to those that give suck in those days! For there shall be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword and shall be led away captive into all nations, and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

25 Then there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

26 men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draws near.

29 ¶ And he spoke unto them a parable: Behold the fig tree and all the trees;

30 when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now near at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is near at hand.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away until all is fulfilled.

33 The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with excess and drunkenness and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare it shall come on all those that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ye therefore and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man.

37 And in the daytime he was teaching in the temple, and at night he went out and abode in the mount that is called *the mount* of Olives.

38 And all the people came unto him early in the morning to hear him in the temple.

Luke 22

1 ¶ Now the feast of unleavened bread drew near, which is called the Passover.

2 And the princes of the priests and scribes sought how they might kill him, but they feared the people.

3 Then Satan entered into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

4 And he went and spoke with the princes of the priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

5 And they were glad and covenanted to give him money.

6 And he promised and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

7 ¶ Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover *lamb* must be killed.

8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover *lamb* that we may eat.

9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there ye shall find a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he enters in.

11 And ye shall say unto the husband of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber where I shall eat the passover *lamb* with my disciples?

12 And he shall show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready.

13 And they went and found as he had said unto them; and they made ready the passover *lamb*.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down *at the table*, and the twelve apostles with him.

15 And he said unto them, With desire I have greatly desired to eat this passover *lamb* with you before I suffer;

16 for I say unto you, I will not eat any more thereof until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

17 And taking the cup, having given thanks, he said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves,

18 for I say unto you, I will not drink *again* of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God shall come.

19 And taking bread, having given thanks, he broke *it* and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

20 Likewise also *he took and gave them* the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

21 ¶ But with all this, behold, the hand of him that betrays me *is* with me on the table.

22 And truly the Son of man goes as it was determined; but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

23 And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

24 And there was also a contention among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

25 Then he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those that exercise authority upon them are called well-doers.

26 But ye *shall not be* so, but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is prince, as he that doth serve.

27 For who *is* greater, he that sits *at the table* or he that serves? *Is* it not he that sits *at the table*? But I am among you as he that serves.

28 But ye are those who have continued with me in my temptations.

29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom as my Father has appointed unto me;

30 that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired *to have* you that he may sift *you* as wheat;

32 but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison and to death.

34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, thou shalt deny three times that thou knowest me before the cock shall crow this day.

35 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse and provision bag and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing.

36 Then he said unto them, But now, he that has a purse, let him take *it* and likewise *his* provision bag; and he that has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.

37 For I say unto you that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors; for the things *written* concerning me have a fulfillment.

38 Then they said, Lord, behold, here *are* two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

39 ¶ And he came out and went as he was wont to the mount of Olives, and his disciples also followed him.

40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's cast and kneeled down and prayed,

42 saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

44 And being in agony, he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45 And when he rose up from prayer and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow

46 and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

47 ¶ And while he yet spoke, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

49 When those who were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?

50 And one of them smote the slave of the prince of the priests and cut off his right ear.

51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said unto the princes of the priests and captains of the temple and the elders, who were come to him, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves?

53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me; but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

54 ¶ Then they took him and led *him* and brought him into the house of the prince of the priests. And Peter followed afar off.

55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.

56 But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire and earnestly looked upon him and said, This man was also with him.

57 And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

58 And after a little while another saw him and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not.

59 And about the space of one hour after, another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this *fellow* also was with him, for he is a Galilaean.

60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately while he yet spoke, the cock crew.

61 Then the Lord turned and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord how he had said unto him, Before the cock crows, thou shalt deny me three times.

62 And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

63 ¶ And the men that held Jesus mocked him and smote *him*.

64 And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee?

65 And they spoke many other things blasphemously against him.

66 And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the princes of the priests and the scribes came together and led him into their council, saying,

67 Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe;

68 and if I also ask *you*, ye will not answer me nor let *me* go;

69 but from now on the Son of man shall sit on the right hand of the power of God.

70 Then they all said, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I AM.

71 And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

Luke 23

1 ¶ And the whole multitude of them arose and led him unto Pilate.

2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this *fellow* perverting the nation and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.

3 Then Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest *it*.

4 Then said Pilate to the princes of the priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

5 And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean.

7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

8 And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad, for he was desirous to see him of a long *season* because he had heard many things of him, and he hoped to see some sign done by him.

9 Then he questioned with him in many words, but he answered him nothing.

10 And the princes of the priests and the scribes stood and vehemently accused him.

11 And Herod with his court despised him and mocked *him* and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe and sent him again to Pilate.

12 And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together, for before they were at enmity between themselves.

13 ¶ Then Pilate, calling together the princes of the priests and the rulers and the people,

14 said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me as one that perverts the people; and, behold, I, having examined *him* before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things of which ye accuse him;

15 no, nor yet Herod, for I sent you to him; and, behold, he has done nothing worthy of death.

16 I will therefore chastise him and release *him*.

17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this *man*, and release unto us Barabbas

19 (who for a certain sedition made in the city and for murder was cast into prison).

20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spoke again to them.

21 But they cried, saying, crucify him, crucify him. {Gr. stauroo – hang him on a stake}

22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil has he done? I have found no cause of death in him; I will therefore chastise him and let *him* go.

23 And they insisted with loud voices, asking that he be crucified. And the voices of them and of the princes of the priests prevailed.

24 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be according to their request.

25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder had been cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

26 ¶ And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the *cross*, {Gr. stauros – stake} that he might bear *it* after Jesus.

27 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, who also bewailed and lamented him.

28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

29 For, behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, Blessed *are* the barren and the wombs that never bare and the breasts which never gave suck.

30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

31 For if they do these things in the green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

32 ¶ And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called of the Skull, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 Then Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment and cast lots.

35 And the people stood beholding. And the princes also with them derided *him*, saying, He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ, the chosen of God.

36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering him vinegar

37 and saying, If thou art the king of the Jews, save thyself.

38 And a supion also was written over him in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou art the Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

44 ¶ And when it was about the sixth hour, there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

46 Then Jesus cried out with a loud voice and said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit; and having said thus, he gave up the spirit.

47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, returned smiting their breasts.

49 And all his acquaintance and the women that had followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

50 ¶ And, behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a senator; *and he was* a good man and just

51 (the same had not consented in the counsel nor in their deeds); *he was* of Arimathaea, a city of Judea, who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

52 This *man* went unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

53 And he took it down and wrapped it in linen and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, where no one had ever been placed.

54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.

55 And the women who had come with him from Galilee also followed after and beheld the sepulchre and how his body was laid.

56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

Luke 24

1 ¶ Now upon the first of the sabbaths, very early in the morning they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

3 And they entered in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it came to pass as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments;

5 and as they were afraid and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen; remember how he spoke unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

7 saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

8 Then they remembered his words

9 and returned from the sepulchre and told all these things unto the eleven and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary *the mother* of James and other *women that were* with them who told these things unto the apostles.

11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they did not believe them.

12 But Peter arose and ran unto the sepulchre, and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

13 ¶ And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was *about* sixty furlongs from Jerusalem.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near and went together with them.

16 But their eyes were held fast that they should not know him.

17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications *are* these that ye have one to another as ye walk and are sad?

18 And one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

19 Then he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

20 and how the princes of the priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death and crucified him.

21 But we were hoping that it was he who should redeem Israel, and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.

22 Although also certain women of our company made us astonished, who before daybreak were at the sepulchre;

23 and when they did not find his body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

24 And certain of those who were with us went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the women had said; but they did not see him.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken;

26 ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter (like this) into his glory?

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded *this* unto them in all the scriptures concerning himself.

28 And they drew near unto the village where they went, and he made as though he would have gone further.

29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

30 And it came to pass as he sat *at the table* with them, he took bread and blessed *it* and broke and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us while he talked with us in the way and while he opened to us the scriptures?

33 And they rose up the same hour and returned to Jerusalem and found the eleven gathered together and those that were with them,

34 saying, The Lord is risen indeed and has appeared to Simon.

35 And they told what things *were done* in the way and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

36 ¶ And as they spoke these things, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them and said unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed that they were seeing a spirit.

38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

40 And when he had thus spoken, he showed them *his* hands and *his* feet.

41 And *as they were* not believing him yet for joy and wondering, he said unto them, Have ye here any food?

42 So they gave him a piece of a broiled fish and of a honeycomb.

43 And he took *it* and ate before them.

44 And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses and *in* the prophets and *in* the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then he opened their understanding that they might understand the scriptures

46 and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day;

47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, I shall send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye are endued with power from on high.

50 ¶ And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass while he blessed them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy

53 and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
St. John

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John 1

1 ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with the God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with the God.

3 All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 ¶ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness apprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

8 He was not the Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of the Light.

9 *That Word* was the true Light, which lightens every man that comes into this world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name,

13 who are not born of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

15 ¶ John bore witness of him and cried, saying, This is he of whom I spoke, He that comes after me is preferred before me, for he was before me.

16 And of his fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given through Moses, *but* the grace and the truth *of God* came through Jesus, the Christ.

18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared *him*.

19 ¶ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed and denied not, but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elijah? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to those that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

23 He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah.

24 And those who were sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him and said unto him, Why dost thou baptize then if thou art not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water, but there stands one among you, whom ye know not;

27 he it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 ¶ The next day John saw Jesus coming unto him and said, Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

30 This is he of whom I said, After me comes a man who is preferred before me, for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not; but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John gave testimony, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not; but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and abiding on him, the same is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

34 And I have seen and have given testimony that this is the Son of God.

35 And again the next day John stood, and two of his disciples,

36 and looking upon Jesus as he walked, he said, Behold the Lamb of God!

37 ¶ And the two disciples heard him speak and followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned and saw them following and said unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi (which is to say, being interpreted, Master), where dwellest thou?

39 He said unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt and abode with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two who heard John *speak* and followed him was Andrew, brother of Simon Peter.

41 He first found his own brother Simon and said unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jonah: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

43 ¶ The day following Jesus desired to go forth into Galilee and found Philip and said unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip found Nathanael and said unto him, We have found him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip said unto him, Come and see.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him and said of him, Behold a true Israelite, in whom is no guile!

48 Nathanael said unto him, From where dost thou know me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathanael answered and said unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see the heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

John 2

1 ¶ And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there,

2 and Jesus and his disciples were also called to the marriage.

3 And being short of wine, the mother of Jesus said unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus said unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? My hour is not yet come.

5 His mother said unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.

6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus said unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he said unto them, Draw out now and bear unto the butler. And they bore *it*.

9 When the butler had tasted the water that was made wine and knew not where it was *from* (but the servants who drew the water knew), the butler called the bridegroom

10 and said unto him, Every man at the beginning sets forth the good wine, and when they are well satisfied, then that which is worse; *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of the signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee and manifested forth his glory, and his disciples believed on him.

12 ¶ After this he went down to Capernaum, he and his mother and his brethren and his disciples, and they continued there not many days.

13 And passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem

14 and found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated;

15 and when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overthrew the tables

16 and said unto those that sold the doves, Take these things away from here; do not make my Father's house a house of merchandise.

17 Then his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house has consumed me.

18 Then the Jews answered and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Dissolve this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

20 Then said the Jews, This temple was forty-six years in building, and wilt thou raise it up in three days?

21 But he spoke of the temple of his body.

22 Therefore when he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

23 ¶ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day*, many believed in his name, seeing the signs which he did.

24 But Jesus did not trust himself unto them because he knew all *men*

25 and needed not that any man should give testimony, for he knew what was in man.

John 3

1 ¶ There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a prince of the Jews;

2 the same came to Jesus by night and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that thou doest unless God is with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a person be born again from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus said unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Unless a man is born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again from above.

8 The wind blows where it desires, and thou hearest the sound of it, but canst not tell from where it comes or where it goes; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can this be done?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a teacher of Israel and knowest not this?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee that we speak what we know and testify that which we have seen, and ye do not receive our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things and ye do not believe, how shall ye believe if I tell you *of* heavenly things?

13 And no one has ascended up to the heaven but he that came down from the heaven, *even* the Son of man, who is in the heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up,

15 that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believes on him is not condemned, but he that does not believe is condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that the light is come into the world, and men loved darkness more than the light because their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

21 But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

22 ¶ After these things Jesus and his disciples came into the land of Judaea, and he tarried there with them and baptized.

23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim because there was much water there, and they came and were baptized.

24 For John was not yet cast into prison.

25 Then there arose a question between the disciples of John and the Jews about purifying.

26 And they came unto John and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan of whom thou gave witness, behold, the same baptizes, and all *men* come to him.

27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing except it is given him from the heaven.

28 Ye yourselves are my witnesses that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29 He that has the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice; this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30 It is expedient *unto* him to increase, but *unto* me, to decrease.

31 He that comes from above is above all; he that is of the earth is earthly and speaks earthly things: he that comes from heaven is above all.

32 And what he has seen and heard, that he testifies; and no one receives his testimony.

33 He that has received his testimony has set to his seal that God is true.

34 For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for God does not give the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.

36 He that believes in the Son has eternal life, and he that does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

John 4

1 ¶ When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John

2 (though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples),

3 he left Judaea and departed again into Galilee.

4 ¶ And it was necessary that he go through Samaria.

5 Then he came to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus, therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well; *and* it was about the sixth hour.

7 There came a woman of Samaria to draw water; Jesus said unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy food.)

9 Then said the Samaritan woman unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, who am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman said unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; from where then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank thereof himself, and his sons and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinks of this water shall thirst again,

14 but whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life.

15 The woman said unto him, Lord, give me this water, that I not thirst, neither come here to draw.

16 Jesus said unto her, Go, call thy husband and come here.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband;

18 for thou hast had five husbands, and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband; this hast thou said with truth.

19 The woman said unto him, Lord, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain, and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship.

21 Jesus said unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour comes when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem shall ye worship the Father.

22 Ye worship what ye know not; we worship what we know, for saving health is of the Jews.

23 But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeks such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit and those that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

25 The woman said unto him, I know that *the* Messiah is to come, who is called the Christ; when he is come, he will declare *unto* us all things.

26 Jesus said unto her, I AM that speak unto thee.

27 ¶ And upon this came his disciples and marvelled that he talked with *that* woman; yet no one said, What askest thou? or, What talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her waterpot and went into the city and said to those men,

29 Come, see a man who told me all that I have done; is perchance this the Christ?

30 Then they went out of the city and came unto him.

31 In the meanwhile his disciples entreated him, saying, Rabbi, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have a food to eat that ye know not of.

33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Has anyone brought him *anything* to eat?

34 Jesus said unto them, My food is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work.

35 *Do* ye not say, There are yet four months and *then* comes harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are

white already to harvest.

36 And he that reaps receives wages and gathers fruit unto eternal life, that both he that sows and he that reaps may rejoice together.

37 And herein is that saying true, One sows and another reaps.

38 I have sent you to reap that upon which ye bestowed no labour; others laboured, and ye have entered into their labours.

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in him by the word of the woman, who testified, He told me all that I have done.

40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they asked him to abide with them; and he abode there two days.

41 And many more believed by his own word

42 and said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy speech; for we have heard *him* ourselves and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

43 ¶ Now after two days he departed from that place and went into Galilee.

44 For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honour in his own country.

45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast, for they had also gone to the feast.

46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him and besought him that he would come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

48 Then Jesus said unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

49 The nobleman said unto him, Sir, come down before my child dies.

50 Jesus said unto him, Go; thy son lives. And the man believed the word that Jesus spoke unto him, and he went.

51 And as he was now going down, his slaves met him and told *him*, saying, Thy son lives.

52 Then he enquired of them the hour when he began to get better. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said unto him, Thy son lives; and he believed, and his whole house.

54 This again *is* the second sign *that* Jesus did when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

John 5

1 ¶ After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now in Jerusalem there is a pool by the sheep *gate*, which in Hebrew is called, Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of those who were sick, blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and troubled the water; whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lying *there* and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he said unto him, Dost thou desire to be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man when the water is troubled to put me into the pool, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.

8 Jesus said unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole and took up his bed and walked, and on that day was the sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day; it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed and walk.

12 Then they asked him, Who is the man that said unto thee, Take up thy bed and walk?

13 And he that was healed did not know who it was; for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place.

14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole; sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15 The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him whole.

16 And for this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill him: because he had done these things on a sabbath.

17 ¶ But Jesus answered them, My Father works until now, and I work.

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Then Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself but what he sees the Father do; for all that he does, this also the Son does together with *him*.

20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all the things that he does, and he will show him greater works than these that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raises up the dead and gives *them* life; even so the Son gives life unto whom he will.

22 For the Father judges no man but has committed all judgment unto the Son

23 that everyone should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who has sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word and believes him that sent me has eternal life and shall not come into judgment but has passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour shall come, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father has life in himself, so has he given to the Son to have life in himself

27 and has also given him power *and authority* to execute judgment because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this, for an hour shall come when all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 and those that have done good shall come forth unto the resurrection of life; but those that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.

30 I can of my own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father who has sent me.

31 ¶ If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

32 There is another that bears witness of me, and I know that the witness which he witnesses of me is true.

33 Ye sent unto John, and he bore witness unto the truth.

34 But I receive not testimony from man, but I say these things that ye might be saved.

35 He was a burning and a shining light, and ye were willing to rejoice for one hour in his light.

36 But I have greater testimony than *that* of John; for the works which the Father has given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me that the Father has sent me.

37 And the Father himself, who has sent me, has borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time nor seen his appearance.

38 And ye do not have his word abiding in you; for whom he has sent, him ye do not believe.

39 Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are those who testify of me.

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

41 I *do* not receive glory from men.

42 But I know you that ye have not the love of God in you.

43 I have come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, who take glory one from another, and seek not the glory that *comes* only from God?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father; there is *one* that accuses you, *even* Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me, for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye do not believe his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

John 6

1 ¶ After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is *the sea* of Tiberias.

2 And a great multitude followed him because they saw his signs which he did on the sick.

3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and he sat there with his disciples.

4 And the passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.

5 Then Jesus lifted up *his* eyes and saw a great company come unto him; he said unto Philip, From where shall we buy bread that these may eat?

6 But he said this to prove him, for he knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred denarius of bread is not sufficient for them, that each one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said unto him,

9 There is a lad here, who has five barley loaves and two small fishes, but what are they among so many?

10 Then Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples and the disciples to those that were sitting down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they desired.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered *them* together and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over from those that had eaten.

14 Then those men, as they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth the prophet that was to come into the world.

15 ¶ Jesus therefore knowing that they would come and take him by force to make him king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

16 And when evening was come, his disciples went down unto the sea

17 and entered into a ship and were crossing the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus had not come to them.

18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.

19 So when they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty furlongs, they saw Jesus walking upon the sea and drawing nigh unto the ship, and they were afraid.

20 But he said unto them, I AM; be not afraid.

21 Then they willingly received him into the ship, and immediately the ship was at the land where they went.

22 ¶ The day following when the multitude which was on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there except the one in which his disciples had entered and that Jesus had not gone with his disciples into the boat, but *that* his disciples had gone away alone

23 (but other boats came from Tiberias near unto the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks);

24 when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they also entered into the boats and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when didst thou come here?

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye have seen the signs, but because ye ate of the loaves and were filled.

27 Labour not for the food which perishes, but for the food which abides unto eternal life, which the Son of man shall give unto you, for him has God the Father sealed.

28 ¶ Then they said unto him, What shall we do that we might work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe in him whom he has sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What sign showest thou then that we may see and believe thee? what dost thou work?

31 Our fathers ate manna in the desert, as it is written, He gave them *of* the bread from the heaven to eat.

32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from the heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from the heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he who descended from heaven and gives life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord, always give us this bread.

35 And Jesus said unto them, I AM the bread of life; he that comes to me shall never hunger, and he that believes in me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That even though ye have seen me, ye do not believe.

37 All that the Father gives me shall come to me, and he that comes to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from the heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will who has sent me, that of all whom he has given me I should lose nothing but should raise it up again in the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, That every one who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day.

41 The Jews then murmured of him because he said, I AM the bread which descended from the heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that he says, I descended from heaven?

43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No one can come to me unless the Father who has sent me draws him, and I will raise him up in the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every man therefore that has heard from the Father and has learned comes unto me.

46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is of God, he has seen the Father.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes in me has eternal life.

48 I AM the bread of life.

49 Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness and are dead.

50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die.

51 I AM the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, they shall live for ever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore contended among themselves, saying, How is he able to give us *his* flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Unless ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, ye shall have no life in you.

54 Whosoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father has sent me, and I live by the Father, so he that eats me, he shall also live by me.

58 This is the bread which came down from heaven; not as your fathers ate manna and are dead; he that eats of this bread shall live eternally.

59 He said these things in the synagogue as he taught in Capernaum.

60 ¶ Many therefore of his disciples when they had heard *this* said, This is a hard word; who can hear it?

61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said unto them, Does this offend you?

62 *What* if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

63 The Spirit is he that gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken unto you, *they* are Spirit and *they* are life.

64 But there are some of you that do not believe. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that did not believe and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore I said unto you that no one can come unto me unless it is given unto them of my Father.

66 After this, many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him.

67 Then Jesus said unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and know that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

71 He spoke of Judas Iscariot *the son* of Simon, for it was he that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

John 7

1 ¶ After these things Jesus walked in Galilee, for he would not walk in Judea because the Jews sought to kill him.

2 Now the feast of the Jews, *of the tabernacles*, was at hand.

3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart from this place and go into Judea that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.

4 For no one who seeks to be clearly known does anything in secret. If thou doest these things, show thyself to the world.

5 For not even his brethren believed in him.

6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come, but your time is always ready.

7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify of it that its works are evil.

8 Go ye up unto this feast; I go not up yet unto this feast, for my time is not yet fulfilled.

9 And having said these things unto them, he abode still in Galilee.

10 But when his brethren were gone up, then he also went up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

11 Then the Jews sought him at the feast and said, Where is he?

12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him, for some said, He is *a good man*; others said, No, but he deceives the people.

13 But no one spoke openly of him for fear of the Jews.

14 ¶ Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.

15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How does this man know letters, having never learned?

16 Jesus answered them and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

17 If anyone desires to do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak of myself.

18 He that speaks of himself seeks his own glory, but he that seeks the glory of him that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

19 Did not Moses give you the law, and *yet* none of you keeps the law? Why do ye go about to kill me?

20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a demon; who goes about to kill thee?

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel.

22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers), and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.

23 If a man on the sabbath day receives circumcision without the law of Moses being broken, are ye angry at me because I have made a man entirely whole on the sabbath day?

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge *with* righteous judgment.

25 Then one of those of Jerusalem said, Is not this he whom they seek to kill?

26 But, behold, he speaks boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Have the rulers truly understood that this is indeed the Christ?

27 But we know where this man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one shall know where he is from.

28 Then Jesus cried out in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye know me, and ye know from where I come, but I have not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.

29 But I know him, for I am from him, and he has sent me.

30 Then they sought to take him, but no one laid hands on him because his hour was not yet come.

31 And many of the people believed in him and said, When the Christ comes, will he do more signs than these which this *man* has done?

32 The Pharisees heard the people that murmured such things concerning him, and the princes of the priests and the Pharisees sent officers to take him.

33 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while I shall be with you, and *then* I shall go unto him that sent me.

34 Ye shall seek me and shall not find *me*, and where I shall be, ye shall not be able to come.

35 Then the Jews said among themselves, Where will he go that we shall not find him? Will he go unto the dispersed among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?

36 What *manner of* saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me and shall not find *me*, and where I shall be ye shall not be able to come?

37 ¶ In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If any man thirsts, let him come unto me and drink.

38 He that believes in me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this he spoke concerning the Spirit, which those that believe on him should receive, for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given* because Jesus was not yet glorified.)

40 Then many of the people, when they heard this word, said, Truly this is the Prophet.

41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall the Christ come out of Galilee?

42 Has not the scripture said, That the Christ comes of the seed of David and out of the town of Bethlehem where David was?

43 So there was a division among the people because of him.

44 And some of them would have taken him, but no one laid hands on him.

45 ¶ Then the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees came, and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

46 The officers answered, Never has anyone spoken like this man.

47 Then the Pharisees answered them, Are ye also deceived?

48 Have any of the princes or of the Pharisees believed on him?

49 But this people who do not know the law are cursed.

50 Nicodemus said unto them (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them),

51 Does our law judge *any* man before it hears him and knows what he does?

52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search and see, for a prophet has never arisen out of Galilee.

53 And each *one* went unto his own house.

John 8

1 ¶ Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down and taught them.

3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery, and when they had set her in the midst,

4 they said unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned, but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might be able to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down and with *his* finger wrote on the ground.

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted himself up and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him *be* the first to cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9 And those who heard *it*, being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest *even* unto the last; and Jesus was left alone and the woman that had been in the midst.

10 Jesus, lifting himself up and seeing no one but the woman, said unto her, Woman, where are thine accusers? Has no one condemned thee?

11 And she said, No one, Lord. Then Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more.

12 ¶ Then Jesus spoke again unto them, saying, I AM the light of the world; he that follows me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.

13 Then the Pharisees said unto him, Thou dost bear witness of thyself; thy witness is not true.

14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear witness of myself, my witness is true, for I know from where I came and where I go; but ye do not know where I came from and where I go.

15 Ye judge after the flesh, but I judge no one.

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true, for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

17 It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I AM one that bears witness of myself, and the Father that sent me bears witness of me.

19 Then they said unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father; if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

20 Jesus spoke these words in the treasury as he taught in the temple, and no one laid hands on him, for his hour was not yet come.

21 ¶ Then Jesus said again unto them, I *am* going away, and ye shall seek me, but ye shall die in your sins; where I go, ye shall not be able to come.

22 Then the Jews said, Will he kill himself? because he says, Where I go, ye shall not be able to come.

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from below, I am from above; ye are of this world, I am not of this world.

24 Therefore I said unto you that ye shall die in your sins, for if ye do not believe that I AM, ye shall die in your sins.

25 And said they unto him, Who art thou? Then Jesus said unto them, He that I said unto you also from the beginning.

26 I have many things to say and to judge regarding you, but he that sent me is true; and those things which I have heard of him, I speak in the world.

27 But they did not understand that he spoke to them of the Father.

28 Then Jesus said unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then ye shall know that I AM and *that* I do nothing of myself, but as my Father has taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father has not left me alone, for I always do those things that please him.

30 As he spoke these words, many believed in him.

31 ¶ Then Jesus said to those Jews who had believed him, If ye abide in my word, ye shall be my disciples indeed;

32 and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

33 They answered him, We are Abraham's seed, and we have never served anyone; how sayest thou, Ye shall be set free?

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever commits sin is the slave of sin.

35 And the slave does not abide in the house for ever, *but* the Son abides for ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall set you free, ye shall be free indeed.

37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed, but ye seek to kill me because my word has no place in you.

38 ¶ I speak that which I have seen with my Father, and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus said unto them, If ye were Abraham's sons, ye would do the works of Abraham.

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that has told you the truth, which I have heard of God; Abraham did not *do* this.

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then they said to him, We are not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would surely love me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither did I come of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father ye desire to do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it.

45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye do not believe me.

46 ¶ Which of you reproves me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47 He that is of God hears God's words; ye therefore hear *them* not because ye are not of God.

48 Then the Jews answered, and said unto him, Do we not say well that thou art a Samaritan and hast a demon?

49 Jesus answered, I do not have a demon; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

50 And I seek not my own glory; there is one that seeks it and judges.

51 ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, If anyone keeps my word, he shall not see death forever.

52 Then the Jews said unto him, Now we know that thou hast a demon. Abraham died and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keeps my word, he shall not taste death forever?

53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham who died? and the prophets died; whom makest thou thyself?

54 Jesus answered, If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; it is my Father that glorifies me, of whom ye say that he is your God;

55 yet ye have not known him, but I know him; and if I should say, I do not know him, I shall be a liar like unto you; but I know him and keep his word.

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw *it* and was glad.

57 Then the Jews said unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM.

59 Then they took up stones to cast at him, but Jesus concealed himself and went out of the temple, and going through the midst of them, went away.

John 9

1 ¶ And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man who was blind from *his* birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 *Jesus* answered, Neither has this man sinned nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 It is expedient that I do the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night comes, when no one can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay

7 and said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent). Then he went and washed and came back seeing.

8 ¶ The neighbours, therefore, and those who before had seen him that he was blind said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he; others *said*, He is like him; *but* he said, I am *he*.

10 Then they said unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called *Jesus* made clay and anointed my eyes and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash; and I went and washed, and I received sight.

12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

13 ¶ They brought to the Pharisees him that beforehand had been blind.

14 And it was the sabbath day when *Jesus* had made the clay and had opened his eyes.

15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon my eyes, and I washed and do see.

16 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, This man is not of God because he does not keep the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such signs? And there was a division among them.

17 They said unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that has opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him that he had been blind and received his sight until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.

19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then does he now see?

20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son and that he was born blind;

21 but by what means he now sees, we know not; or who has opened his eyes, we know not; he is of age, ask him; he shall speak for himself.

22 These words spoke his parents because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone did confess that he was the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore his parents said, He is of age, ask him.

24 Then they called again the man that had been blind and said unto him, Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He answered and said, Whether he is a sinner *or not*, I *do* not know; one thing I know, that having been blind, now I see.

26 Then said they to him again, What did he *do* to thee? How did he open thine eyes?

27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye have heard; what more would ye hear? *Do* ye also desire to be his disciples?

28 Then they reviled him and said, Be thou his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

29 We know that God spoke unto Moses; *as for* this *fellow*, we do not know where he is from.

30 The man answered and said unto them, Indeed this is a marvellous thing that ye do not know where he is from, and *yet* he has opened my eyes.

31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners, but if anyone should fear God and do his will, him he will hear.

32 Since the world began it has not been heard of that anyone opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35 ¶ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and finding him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe in the Son of God?

36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe in him?

37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast seen him, and it is he that talks with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

39 ¶ And Jesus said, For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see might see and that those who see might be blinded.

40 And *some* of the Pharisees who were with him heard these words and said unto him, Are we blind also?

41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin; but now because ye say, We see, therefore your sin abides.

John 10

1 ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 And when he puts forth his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

5 And they will not follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.

6 Jesus spoke this parable unto them, but they did not understand what it was that he spoke unto them.

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I AM the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I AM the door; whosoever enters in by me shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture.

10 The thief comes not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy *the sheep*; I am come that they might have life and that they might have *it* in abundance.

11 I AM the good shepherd; the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

12 But the hireling, who is not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches them and scatters the sheep.

13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling, and the sheep do not belong to him.

14 I AM the good shepherd, and know my *sheep* and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knows me, even so I know the Father, and I lay down my soul for the sheep.

16 And I have other sheep which are not of this fold; it is expedient that I bring them also, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold *and* one shepherd.

17 Therefore does my Father love me, because I lay down my soul that I might take it again.

18 No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment I have received of my Father.

19 ¶ There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these words.

20 And many of them said, He has a demon and is beside himself; why do ye hear him?

21 Others said, These are not the words of him that has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?

22 ¶ And they celebrated the dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

24 Then the Jews came round about him and said unto him, Until when wilt thou hold our soul in suspense? If thou art the Christ, tell us plainly.

25 Jesus answered them, I have told you, and ye do not believe; the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

26 But ye believe not because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me;

28 and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, who gave *them to me*, is greater than all; and no one is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

30 I and *my* Father are one.

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we do not stone thee, but for blasphemy; and because thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

35 If he called them gods unto whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken),

36 do ye say of him whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Son of God?

37 If I do not do the works of my Father, do not believe me.

38 But if I do, though ye do not believe me, believe the works that ye may know and believe that the Father *is* in me and I in him.

39 ¶ Therefore they sought again to take him, but he escaped out of their hand

40 and went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized, and there he abode.

41 And many came unto him and said, John certainly did no sign, but all *the* things that John spoke of this man were true.

42 And many believed in him there.

John 11

1 ¶ Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 (It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

4 When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

7 Then after that he said to *his* disciples, Let us go into Judea again.

8 *His* disciples said unto him, Rabbi, the Jews of late sought to stone thee, and goest thou there again?

9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble because he sees the light of this world.

10 But he who walks in the night stumbles because there is no light in him.

11 Having said that he said unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may awake him out of sleep.

12 Then his disciples said, Lord, if he sleeps, he shall be saved.

13 But Jesus had spoken of his death, and they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

14 Then Jesus said unto them plainly, Lazarus has died.

15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, in order that ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

16 Then Thomas said, who is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us go also, that we may die with him.

17 ¶ Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.

18 Now Bethany was near unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off;

19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him; but Mary sat *still* in the house.

21 Then Martha said unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died.

22 But I know that even now whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it unto* thee.

23 Jesus said unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha said unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection in the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I AM the resurrection and the life; he that believes in me, though he is dead, yet shall he live;

26 and whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She said unto him, Yes, Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, who should come into the world.

28 And having said this, she went away and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calls for thee.

29 As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly and came unto him.

30 (Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.)

31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goes unto the grave to weep there.

32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died.

33 ¶ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping and the Jews also weeping who came with her, he became enraged in *the* Spirit and stirred himself up

34 and said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, Behold how he loved him!

37 And some of them said, Could not this *man*, who opened the eyes of the blind, have also caused that this *man* should not have died?

38 Jesus therefore, becoming enraged again in himself, came to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that had died, said unto him, Lord, by this time he stinks, for he has been *dead* four days.

40 Jesus said unto her, Did I not say unto thee that if thou wouldest believe thou shalt see the glory of God?

41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus, lifting up *his* eyes, said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always, but because of the people who stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43 And having said these things, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 Then he that had been dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus said unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 ¶ Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed on him.

46 But some of them went unto the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

47 Then the high priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, What shall we do? for this man does many signs.

48 If we let him thus alone, everyone will believe on him, and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and the nation.

49 And one of them, *named* Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all

50 nor consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation be lost.

51 And this he spoke not of himself; but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation;

52 and not for that nation only, but that he should also gather together in one the sons of God that were scattered abroad.

53 So that from that day forth they took counsel together to kill him.

54 Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there unto a country near to the wilderness into a city called Ephraim and there continued with his disciples.

55 And the passover of the Jews was now at hand, and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover to purify themselves;

56 and they sought for Jesus and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?

57 Now both the high priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that if anyone knew where he was he should show *it*, that they might take him.

John 12

1 ¶ Jesus, therefore, six days before the passover, came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those that sat at the table with him.

3 Then Mary took a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

4 Then said one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, who should betray him,

5 Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarius and given to the poor?

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and had the bag and would take *from* what was put therein.

7 Therefore Jesus said, Let her alone; against the day of my burying she has kept this;

8 for the poor ye always have with you, but ye shall not always have me.

9 A great multitude of the Jews therefore knew that he was there; and they came not only for Jesus' sake, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 So the princes of the priests took counsel that they might also put Lazarus to death

11 because by reason of him many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus.

12 ¶ On the next day the multitude that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him and cried, Hosanna; Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.

14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat upon it, as it is written,

15 Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, thy King comes, sitting on an ass's colt.

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of him and *that* they had done these things unto him.

17 The multitude, therefore, that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

18 For this cause the multitude also met him, for they had heard that he had done this sign.

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

20 ¶ And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast;

21 the same came therefore to Philip, who was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, Lord, we desire to see Jesus.

22 Philip came and told Andrew, and then Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour comes in which the Son of man shall be clarified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit.

25 He that loves his life shall lose it, and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If anyone serves me, let them follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; the one that serves me, will my Father honour.

27 ¶ Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour, but for this have I come in this hour.

28 Father, clarify thy name. Then there came a voice from the heaven, *saying*, I have clarified it and will clarify it again.

29 The people, therefore, that were present and heard *it*, said that it thundered; others said, An angel spoke to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that the Christ abides for ever; and how sayest thou, It is expedient that the Son of man be lifted up? Who is this Son of man?

35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the Light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you; for he that walks in darkness does not know where he goes.

36 While ye have the Light, believe in the Light that ye may be the sons of light. Jesus spoke these things and departed and hid himself from them.

37 ¶ But although he had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in him,

38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, Lord, who shall believe our report? and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again,

40 He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, that they should not see with *their* eyes nor understand with *their* heart and be converted, and I should heal them.

41 Isaiah said these things when he saw his glory and spoke of him.

42 ¶ Nevertheless, even among the princes many believed in him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;

43 for they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.

44 ¶ But Jesus cried and said, He that believes in me, believes not in me, but in him that sent me,

45 and he that sees me sees him that sent me.

46 I am come *as* a light into the world that whosoever believes in me should not abide in darkness.

47 And if anyone hears my words and believes not, I judge him not, for I came not to judge the world but to save the world.

48 He that rejects me and does not receive my words has one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father who sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life; whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

John 13

1 ¶ Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray him,

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God,

4 arose from the supper and laid aside his garments and took a towel and girded himself.

5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe *them* with the towel with which he was girded.

6 Then he came to Simon Peter, and Peter said unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou dost not understand now, but thou shalt understand afterwards.

8 Peter said unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou shalt have no part with me.

9 Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head.

10 Jesus said to him, He that is washed needs only to wash *his* feet because he is completely clean, and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore, said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet and had taken his garments and had sat down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord; and ye say well, for so I am.

14 If I then, the Lord and the Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The slave is not greater than his lord; neither is the apostle greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, ye shall be blessed if ye do them.

18 ¶ I speak not of you all; I know whom I have chosen; but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me,

19 now I tell you before it is done, so that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I AM.

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receives whomsoever I send receives me, and he that receives me receives him that sent me.

21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit and testified and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spoke.

23 And one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was seated at the table beside Jesus.

24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to this one that he should ask him who it was of whom he spoke.

25 He then, reclining *on* Jesus' breast, said unto him, Lord, who is it?

26 Jesus answered, He it is to whom I shall give a sop when I have dipped *it*. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son of* Simon.

27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said unto him, That which thou shalt do, do it more quickly.

28 Now no one at the table understood for what purpose he spoke this unto him.

29 For some *of them* thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy *those things* that we need for the feast, or that he should give something to the poor.

30 He then having received the sop went immediately out, and it was *now* night.

31 ¶ Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man clarified, and God is clarified in him.

32 If God is clarified in him, God shall also clarify him in himself and shall straightway clarify him.

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me; and as I said unto the Jews, Where I go, ye cannot come, so now I say to you.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall everyone know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

36 ¶ Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, where goest thou? Jesus answered him, Where I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.

37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my soul for thy sake.

38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy soul for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow until thou hast denied me three times.

John 14

- 1 ¶ Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- 2 In my Father's house are many dwelling places; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.
- 4 ¶ So that ye know where I go, and ye know the way.
- 5 Thomas said unto him, Lord, we know not where thou goest; how, therefore, can we know the way?
- 6 Jesus said unto him, I AM the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes unto the Father, but by me.
- 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also; and from now on ye know him and have seen him.
- 8 Philip said unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it *will* suffice us.
- 9 Jesus said unto him, Have I been *such a* long time with you, and yet thou hast not known me, Philip? He that has seen me has seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Show us the Father?
- 10 Believest thou not that I *am* in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwells in me, he does the works.
- 11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in me, or else believe me for the very works' sake.
- 12 ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes in me, the works that I do he shall do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do because I go unto my Father.
- 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 14 If ye ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.
- 15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments;
- 16 and I will ask the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever,

17 *even* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him, or know him; but ye know him, for he dwells with you and shall be in you.

18 ¶ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world shall see me no more, but ye shall see me; because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21 He that has my commandments and keeps them, he it is that loves me; and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas, not Iscariot, said unto him, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, He who loves me will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and dwell with him.

24 He that does not love me does not keep my words, and the word which ye have heard is not mine, but of the Father who sent me.

25 ¶ I have spoken these things unto you, being *yet* present with you.

26 But the Comforter, *which* is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all the things that I have said unto you.

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 ¶ Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice because I said, I go unto the Father; for my Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you before it comes to pass, that when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you, for the prince of this world comes and has nothing in me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

John 15

- 1 ¶ I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he shall take away; and every one that bears fruit, he shall purge that they may bring forth more fruit.
- 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abides in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
- 5 I AM the vine, ye *are* the branches: he that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing.
- 6 He who does not abide in me shall be cast forth as an *unsound* branch and shall wither, and they are gathered and cast into the fire and are burned.
- 7 If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- 8 In this is my Father clarified, in that ye bear much fruit; and in this manner ye shall be my disciples.
- 9 ¶ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.
- 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.
- 11 These things I have spoken unto you that my joy may abide in you and *that* your joy might be fulfilled.
- 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you.
- 13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his soul for his friends.
- 14 Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.
- 15 From now on I do not call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his lord does; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.
- 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain; that whatever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it *unto* you.
- 17 This I command you, that ye love one another.

18 ¶ If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love its own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The slave is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my word, they will keep yours also.

21 But they will do all these things unto you for my name's sake, because they do not know him that sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 He that hates me hates my Father also.

24 If I had not done among them works which no other man has done, they would not have sin; but now they have seen *them* and hate both me and my Father.

25 But *this comes to pass* that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

26 ¶ But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of me;

27 and ye also shall bear witness because ye have been with me from the beginning.

John 16

- 1 ¶ These things I have spoken unto you that ye should not be offended.
- 2 They shall put you out of the synagogues, and the hour will even come when whosoever kills you will think that he does God service.
- 3 And they will do these things unto you because they do not know the Father, nor me.
- 4 But I have told you these things that when that hour shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And I did not say these things unto you at the beginning because I was with you.
- 5 But now I go unto him that sent me, and none of you asks me, Where goest thou?
- 6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow has filled your heart.
- 7 ¶ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.
- 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment:
- 9 of sin, because they do not believe in me;
- 10 of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;
- 11 of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.
- 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.
- 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth, for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak, and he will cause you to know the things which are to come.
- 14 He shall clarify me, for he shall take of that which is mine and shall cause you to know *it*.
- 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he shall take of that which is mine and shall cause you to know *it*.
- 16 ¶ A little while, and ye shall not see me; and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

17 Then *some* of his disciples said among themselves, What is this that he says unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me; and again, a little while, and ye shall see me; and, Because I go to the Father?

18 They said therefore, What is this that he says, A little while? we cannot understand what he says.

19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of what I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me; and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, and the world shall rejoice; but even though ye shall be sorrowful, your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

21 The woman, when she is in travail, has pain, because her hour is come; but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembers the anguish no more, for joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and no one shall take your joy from you.

23 ¶ And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give you.

24 Until now ye have asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be fulfilled.

25 I have spoken these things unto you in proverbs, but the hour comes when I shall no longer speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father.

26 In that day ye shall ask in my name, and I do not say unto you that I will ask the Father for you;

27 for the Father himself loves you because ye have loved me and have believed that I came out from God.

28 ¶ I came forth from the Father and am come into the world; again, I leave the world and go to the Father.

29 His disciples said unto him, Behold, now thou speakest plainly and speakest no proverb.

30 Now we understand that thou knowest all things and needest not that anyone should ask thee; by this we believe that thou didst come forth from God.

31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

32 Behold, the hour comes and is now come, that ye shall be scattered, each one to his own, and shall leave me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

33 These things I have spoken unto you that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 17

1 ¶ Jesus spoke these words and lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour is come; clarify thy Son, that thy Son may also clarify thee, 2 as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4 I have clarified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou didst give me to do.

5 And now, O Father, clarify thou me with thine own self with that clarity which I had with thee before the world was.

6 ¶ I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou didst give me out of the world; thine they were, and thou didst give them me; and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them* and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them; I do not pray for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10 And all my things are thine, and thine are mine; and I have been clarified in them.

11 ¶ And now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, those whom thou hast given me, keep them in thy name, that they may be one, as we *are*.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name; those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now I come to thee; and these things I speak in the world that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I do not pray that thou should take them out of the world, but that thou should keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 ¶ Sanctify them in thy truth; thy word is *the* truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified in *the* truth.

20 ¶ Neither do I pray for these alone, but also for those who shall believe in me through their word;

21 that they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22 And the clarity which thou gavest me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfect in one and that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them as thou hast loved me.

24 ¶ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my clarity, which thou hast given me, for thou hast loved me from before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world has not known thee; but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have manifested unto them thy name and will manifest it still, that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

John 18

1 ¶ When Jesus had spoken these things, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where there was a garden, into which he entered, and his disciples.

2 And Judas also, who betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus gathered there often with his disciples.

3 Judas then, taking a company of soldiers and ministers of the high priests and of the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said unto them, I AM. And Judas also, who betrayed him, stood with them.

6 And when he said unto them, I AM, they went backward and fell to the ground.

7 Then he asked them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I AM; if, therefore, ye seek me, let these go away,

9 that the word might be fulfilled, which he spoke, Of those whom thou gavest me I have lost none.

10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and smote the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.

11 Then Jesus said unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath; the cup which my Father has given me, shall I not drink it?

12 Then the company of soldiers and the tribune and the ministers of the Jews took Jesus and bound him

13 ¶ and led him away to Annas first, for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest of that year *and he sent him bound unto Caiaphas, the high priest.*

14 Now Caiaphas was he who had given the counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so *did* another disciple; that disciple was known unto the high priest and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.

16 But Peter stood at the door without. Then that other disciple, who was known unto the high priest, went out and spoke unto her that kept the door and brought in Peter.

17 Then the damsel that kept the door said unto Peter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He said, I am not.

18 And the slaves and servants stood there, who had made a fire of coals, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves; and Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

19 The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples and of his doctrine.

20 Jesus answered him, I spoke openly to the world; I always taught in the synagogue and in the temple, where all the Jews gather; and I have said nothing in secret.

21 Why dost thou ask me? Ask those who heard me what I have said unto them; behold, they know what I said.

22 And when he had thus spoken, one of the servants who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil, but if well, why dost thou smite me?

24 Thus Annas sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

25 And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it* and said, I am not.

26 One of the slaves of the high priest, kinsman of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, Did I not see thee in the garden with him?

27 Peter then denied again, and immediately the cock crew.

28 ¶ Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment, and it was early; and they themselves did not go into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the passover.

29 Pilate then went out unto them and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

31 Then Pilate said unto them, Take him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death;

32 that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spoke, signifying what death he should die.

33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again and called Jesus and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it unto thee of me?

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me; what hast thou done?

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; now, therefore, my kingdom is not from here.

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I AM king. To this end I was born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears my voice.

38 Pilate said unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and said unto them, I find no fault *at all* in him.

39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover; will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

40 Then they all cried again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

John 19

1 ¶ Then Pilate, therefore, took Jesus and scourged *him*.

2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns and put *it* on his head, and they put a purple robe on him

3 and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

4 Pilate therefore went forth again and said unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

5 Then Jesus came forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate* said unto them, Behold the man!

6 When the princes of the priests and the servants saw him, they cried out, saying, crucify him, crucify him. {Gr. stauroo – hang him on a stake} Pilate said unto them, Take him, and crucify him, for I find no fault in him.

7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die because he made himself the Son of God.

8 Therefore when Pilate heard that word, he was the more afraid

9 and went again into the judgment hall and said unto Jesus, Where art thou from? But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Then Pilate said unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee {Gr. stauroo – hang thee on a stake} and have power to release thee?

11 Jesus answered, Thou could have no power *at all* against me, unless it were given thee from above; therefore he that delivered me unto thee has the greater sin.

12 And from then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend; whosoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.

13 Therefore when Pilate heard that word, he brought Jesus forth and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 And it was the preparation of the passover and about the sixth hour; then he said unto the Jews, Behold your King!

15 But they cried out, Away with *him*, away with *him*, crucify him. Pilate said unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The high priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

16 ¶ So that then, he delivered him unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus and led *him* away.

17 And he, bearing his *cross*, {Gr. *stauros* – stake} went forth into a place called *the place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha,

18 where they crucified him and two others with him, one on either side and Jesus in the middle.

19 ¶ And Pilate also wrote a title and put *it* above the *cross*. {Gr. *stauros* – stake} And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20 And many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near to the city; and it was written in Hebrew *and* Greek *and* Latin.

21 Then the high priests of the Jews said to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews, but that he said, I AM King of the Jews.

22 Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four parts (to each soldier a part); and also *his* coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be; that the scripture might be fulfilled, which says, They parted my garments among them, and for my raiment they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

25 Now there stood by the *cross* {Gr. *stauros* – stake} of Jesus his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he said unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

27 Then he said to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home*.

28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, I thirst.

29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar, and they filled a sponge with vinegar and put *it* upon hyssop and put *it* to his mouth.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished, and he bowed his head and gave up the Spirit.

31 ¶ The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the *cross* {Gr. *stauros* – stake} on the sabbath day (for that sabbath day was a high day) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken and *that* they might be taken away.

32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who were crucified with him.

33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was dead already, they did not break his legs,

34 but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith blood and water came out.

35 And he that saw *it* gives testimony, and his testimony is true, and he knows that he says *the* truth, that ye also might believe.

36 For these things were done that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

37 And again another scripture says, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

38 ¶ After these things, Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came therefore and took the body of Jesus.

39 Then Nicodemus came also, who at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about one hundred pounds.

40 And they took the body of Jesus and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as is the manner of the Jews to bury.

41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulchre, in which no one had yet been laid.

42 Therefore they laid Jesus there because of the Jews' preparation *day*, for the sepulchre was near.

John 20

1 ¶ The first of the sabbaths, Mary Magdalene came early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre and saw the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

4 So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came first to the sepulchre.

5 And he, stooping down *and looking in*, saw the linen clothes lying; yet he did not go in.

6 Then came Simon Peter following him and went into the sepulchre and saw the linen clothes lying

7 and the napkin, that had been *placed* over his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

8 Then that other disciple, who came first to the sepulchre, went in also and he saw and believed.

9 For as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own.

11 ¶ But Mary stood outside *near* the sepulchre weeping, and as she wept, she stooped down *and looked* into the sepulchre

12 and saw two angels in white sitting, the one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been placed.

13 And they said unto her, Woman, why dost thou weep? She said unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there* and did not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said unto her, Woman, why dost thou weep? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, said unto him, Lord, if thou didst

carry him off, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus said unto her, Mary! Turning herself around, she said unto him, Rabboni, which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus said unto her, Touch me not, for I have not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brethren and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and *to* my God and your God.

18 Mary Magdalene came giving the news to the disciples, That I have seen the Lord, and he spoke these things unto me.

19 ¶ Then the same day at evening, being the first of the sabbaths, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

20 And having said this, he showed them *his* hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

21 Then Jesus said to them again, Peace *be* unto you; as *my* Father has sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on *them* and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit;

23 unto those whose sins ye release, they shall be released; *and* unto those whose *sins* ye retain, they shall be retained.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples, therefore, said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Unless I shall see in his hands the print of the nails and put my finger into the print of the nails and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 ¶ And again eight days later, his disciples were within and Thomas with them; *then* Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst and said, Peace *be* unto you.

27 Then he said to Thomas, Reach here thy finger and behold my hands and reach here thy hand and thrust *it* into my side and be not unbelieving, but faithful.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus said unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed *are* those that have not seen and *yet* have believed.

30 And Jesus truly did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life in his name.

John 21

1 ¶ After these things Jesus manifested himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias, and he manifested himself in this manner:

2 Simon Peter and Thomas, called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee and the sons of Zebedee and two other of his disciples were together.

3 Simon Peter said unto them, I am going fishing. They said unto him, Let us also go with thee. They went forth and entered into a ship immediately, and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not understand that it was Jesus.

5 Then Jesus said unto them, Children, have ye any food? They answered him, No.

6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right hand side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's coat *unto him* (for he was naked) and cast himself into the sea.

8 And the other disciples came in the *little* ship (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits), dragging the net with *the* fishes.

9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and a fish laid thereon, and bread.

10 Jesus said unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

11 Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land full of great fishes, one hundred and fifty-three; and being so many, yet the net was not broken.

12 Jesus said unto them, Come *and* dine. And none of the disciples dared to ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then came and took the bread and gave them, and the fish likewise.

14 This *was* now the third time that Jesus manifested himself to his disciples, after he was risen from the dead.

15 ¶ So when they had dined, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He said unto him, Yes, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He said unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He said to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? He said unto him, Yes, Lord thou knowest that I love thee. He said unto him, Feed my sheep.

17 He said unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus said unto him, Feed my sheep.

18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou didst gird thyself and walk where thou wouldest, but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee and carry *thee* where thou wouldest not.

19 This he spoke, signifying by what death he should clarify God. And when he had spoken this, he said unto him, Follow me.

20 ¶ Then Peter, turning about, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrays thee?

21 Peter seeing him said to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this man *do*?

22 Jesus said unto him, If I will that he tarry until I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me.

23 Then this saying went abroad among the brethren that that disciple should not die; yet Jesus did not say unto him, He shall not die, but, If I will that he tarry until I come, what *is that* to thee?

24 This is the disciple who testifies of these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which, if they should be written every one, I think that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

The
Acts
of the Apostles

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Acts 1

1 ¶ The former treatise I have made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 until the day in which, having given commandments by *the* Holy Spirit unto the apostles whom he had chosen, he was received on high;

3 unto whom he also showed himself alive, after he had suffered, by many infallible proofs, appearing unto them for forty days and speaking to them of the kingdom of God;

4 and gathering them together, he commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, Which, *he said*, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized in water, but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

6 ¶ Then those that were come together asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put under his authority only.

8 But ye shall receive the virtue of the Holy Spirit which shall come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,

11 who also said, Ye men of Galilee, what do ye stand gazing at *up* into heaven? This same Jesus, who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 ¶ Then they returned unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where Peter and James and John and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon Zelotes, and Judas *the brother* of James were.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 ¶ And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples and said (the number of names together were about one hundred and twenty),

16 Men *and* brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit by the mouth of David spoke before concerning Judas, who was guide to those that took Jesus.

17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained a lot *or inheritance* of this ministry.

18 He, therefore, purchased a field with the reward of *his* iniquity; and hanging himself, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it was known unto all the dwellers of Jerusalem, in such a manner that the field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no one dwell therein, and let another take his office.

21 It behooves, therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 beginning from the baptism of John unto that same day that he was received on high from *among* us, that one must be ordained to be a witness

with us of his resurrection.

23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed and said, Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of everyone, show which of these two thou hast chosen,

25 that he may take the lot *or inheritance* of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas rebelled that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave forth their lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Acts 2

1 ¶ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 ¶ (And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.)

6 Now at this sound, the multitude came together and were confounded because each one heard them speak in his own tongue.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these who speak Galilaeans?

8 And how do we hear each one *speak* in our own tongue, with which we were brought up?

9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and the dwellers in Mesopotamia and in Judaea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, we hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

12 And they were all amazed and were in doubt, saying one to another, What does this mean?

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

14 ¶ Then Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea and all ye that dwell in Jerusalem, be this known unto you and hearken to my words;

15 for these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

18 and *for* certain on my slaves and on my handmaids I will pour out in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy;

19 and I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath: blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke;

20 the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood before that great and notable day of the Lord *shall* come;

21 and it shall come to pass *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know,

23 him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified and slain,

24 whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

25 For David speaks concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved,

26 therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover even my flesh shall rest in hope

27 because thou wilt not leave my soul in Hades, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne;

31 he, seeing this before, spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that his soul was not left in Hades, neither did his flesh see corruption.

32 This Jesus God has raised up, of whom we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being raised up by the right hand of God and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which ye now see and hear.

34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand

35 until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 ¶ Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized each one of you into the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted, saying, Be saved from this perverse generation.

41 So that those who gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

42 ¶ And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together and had all things common

45 and sold their possessions and property and distributed them to everyone, as each one had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, *they* ate their food together with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 praising God and having grace with all the people. And the Lord added to the *congregation* {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} daily such as should be saved.

Acts 3

1 ¶ Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms {lit. acts of mercy} of those that entered into the temple,

3 who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked *for* alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God,

10 and they knew that it was he who sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man who was healed held *onto* Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 ¶ And when Peter saw *it*, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own virtue or godliness we had made this man walk?

13 The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his Son Jesus, whom ye delivered up and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he had judged to let *him* go.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just and desired a murderer to be granted unto you

15 and killed the Author of life, whom God has raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

16 And in the faith of his name, unto this man whom ye see and know, has confirmed his name; and the faith which is by him has given this man this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brethren, I know that through ignorance ye did *it* as *did* also your princes.

18 But God has thus fulfilled those things which he had showed in advance by the mouth of all his prophets, that his Christ should suffer.

19 Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, for the times of refreshing of the presence of the Lord are come;

20 who has sent Jesus Christ, who before was preached unto you,

21 whom it is certainly necessary that the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the age *began*.

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things *doing* whatever he shall say unto you.

23 And it shall come to pass *that* every soul which will not hear that prophet shall be destroyed from among the people.

24 And all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

25 Ye are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto you first, God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, that each one of you might turn from his iniquities.

Acts 4

1 ¶ And as they spoke unto the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,

2 resentful that they taught the people and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them and put *them* in jail unto the next day, for it was now evening.

4 But many of those who heard the word believed, and the number of the men was about five thousand.

5 ¶ And it came to pass on the next day that their princes and elders and scribes

6 and Annas, the high priest, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power or by what name have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said unto them, Ye princes of the people and elders of Israel,

9 if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole,

10 be it known unto you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him does this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men in which we can be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled, and they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus.

14 And beholding the man who was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 ¶ But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle has been done by them *is* manifest to all those that dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny *it*.

17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them that from now on they speak to no man in this name.

18 And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 Then Peter and John answered and said unto them, Judge whether it is right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way how they might punish them because of the people, for everyone glorified God for that which was done.

22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shown.

23 ¶ And being let go, they went to their own company and reported all that the princes of the priests and the elders had said unto them.

24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord and said, Lord, thou *art the* God, who hast made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them,

25 who (in the Holy Spirit) by the mouth of thy servant David (our father) hast said, Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things?

26 The kings of the earth were present, and the princes were gathered together against the Lord and against his Christ.

27 For of a truth against thy holy servant Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together (in this city),

28 to do that which thy hand and thy counsel had determined beforehand must be done.

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings and grant unto thy slaves that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 that thou might stretch forth thine hand so that healings and signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy slave Jesus.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

32 ¶ And of the multitude of those that had believed was one heart and one soul; no one said that anything he possessed was his own, but they had all things common.

33 And with great power the apostles gave witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of the things that were sold

35 and laid *them* down at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made unto each one according to their need.

36 Then Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation), a Levite, *and* of the country of Cyprus, 37 having land, sold *it* and brought the money and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

Acts 5

1 ¶ But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession

2 and defrauded of the price, his wife also being aware of *it*, and brought a certain part and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to defraud of the price of the land?

4 Retaining it, was it not thy own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thy heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and gave up the spirit; and great fear came on all those that heard these things.

6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried *him* out and buried *him*.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

8 Then Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yes, for so much.

9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried thy husband *are* at the door and shall carry thee out.

10 Then she fell down straightway at his feet and yielded up the spirit; and the young men came in and found her dead and, carrying *her* forth, buried *her* by her husband.

11 And great fear came upon all the *congregation* {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} and upon as many as heard these things.

12 ¶ And by the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were wrought in the people. (And they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 And of the others, no one dared join themselves to them, but the people magnified them.

14 And those that believed in the Lord increased in number, multitudes both of men and women.)

15 So much that they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

16 There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks and those who were tormented with unclean spirits, and they were healed every one.

17 ¶ Then the prince of the priests rose up, and all those that were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees) were filled with jealousy

18 and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors and brought them forth and said,

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

21 And when they heard *that*, they entered into the temple early in the morning and taught. In the meantime, the prince of the priests came, and those that were with him, and called the council together and all the elders of the sons of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came and found them not in the prison, they returned and told,

23 saying, We certainly found the prison shut with all security and the keepers standing outside before the doors, but when we had opened, we found no one within.

24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the princes of the priests heard these things, they were perplexed regarding what this would come to.

25 Then someone came and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.

26 ¶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them without violence, for they feared being stoned by the people.

27 And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council, and the prince of the priests asked them,

28 saying, Did we not strictly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and intend

to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We must persuade God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew, hanging him on a tree.

31 God has exalted him with his right hand as Prince and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are his witnesses of these things, and *so is* also the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those that persuade him.

33 When they heard *that*, they were divided and took counsel to slay them.

34 Then a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, who had a reputation among all the people, stood up in the council and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space

35 and said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as concerning these men.

36 For before these days, rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves; who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered and brought to nought.

37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing and drew away many people after him; he also perished, and all those that consented with him were dispersed.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men and let them alone; for if this counsellor or this work is of men, it will come to nought,

39 but if it is of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest ye be found fighting against God.

40 And they agreed with him; and when they had called the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus and let them go.

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus the Christ.

Acts 6

1 ¶ And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, that their widows were neglected in the daily ministry.

2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them* and said, It is not right that we should leave the word of God and serve tables;

3 therefore, brethren, seek out among you seven men of whom you bear witness, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4 And we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte of Antioch:

6 these they set before the apostles, and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and also a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 ¶ And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles in the people.

9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians and Alexandrians and of those of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

11 Then they suborned men, who said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and *against* God.

12 And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes and came upon *him* and caught him and brought *him* to the council

13 and set up false witnesses, who said, This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law,

14 for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place and shall change the traditions which Moses delivered us.

15 Then all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as the face of an angel.

Acts 7

1 ¶ Then the prince of the priests said, Are these things so?

2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken. The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

3 and said unto him, Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred and come into the land which I shall show thee.

4 Then he came out of the land of the Chaldaeans and dwelt in Haran; and from there, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, in which ye now dwell.

5 And he gave him no inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on; yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

6 And God spoke thus, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into slavery and mistreat *them* four hundred years.

7 And the Gentiles unto whom they shall be in slavery I will judge, said God; and after that they shall come forth and serve me in this place.

8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so *Abraham* begat Isaac and circumcised him the eighth day, and Isaac *begat* Jacob, and Jacob *begat* the twelve patriarchs.

9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt, but God was with him

10 and delivered him out of all his afflictions and gave him grace and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11 Now there came a famine over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great tribulation, and our fathers found no sustenance.

12 But when Jacob heard that there was wheat in Egypt, he sent our fathers the first time.

13 And in the second Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's lineage was made known unto Pharaoh.

14 Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob unto *him* and all his kindred, seventy-five souls.

15 So Jacob went down into Egypt and died, he and our fathers,

16 who were carried over into Shechem and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor of Shechem.

17 ¶ But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

18 until another king arose, who did not know Joseph.

19 The same dealt subtly with our kindred and mistreated our fathers so that they exposed their babies *to death*, to the end that the generation would cease.

20 In which time Moses was born and was beautiful to God and was nourished in his father's house three months;

21 and when he was put in danger, Pharaoh's daughter took him in and nourished him as her own son.

22 And Moses was taught in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was mighty in his words and deeds.

23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the sons of Israel.

24 And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him* and smote the Egyptian, avenging the oppressed;

25 for he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God was to give them saving health by his hand, but they had not understood.

26 And the next day he showed himself unto them as they strove and urged them to peace, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us?

28 Wilt thou kill me as thou didst the Egyptian yesterday?

29 Then Moses fled at this word and became a sojourner in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

30 ¶ And when forty years were expired, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.

31 When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the vision; and as he drew near to consider *it*, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

32 *saying*, I *am* the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled and dared not to behold.

33 Then the Lord said to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet; for the place where thou dost stand is holy ground.

34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

35 This Moses, whom they had refused, saying, Who made thee a prince and a judge? the same did God send as prince and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

36 He brought them out, showing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years.

37 This is that Moses, who said unto the sons of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren like unto me; him shall ye hear.

38 This is he, who was in the *congregation* {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him in the Mount Sinai and *with* our fathers, who received the oracles of life to give unto us;

39 to whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

40 saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us; for *as for* this Moses, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him.

41 And then they made a calf and offered sacrifice unto the idol and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42 ¶ Then God withdrew and gave them up to worship the host of the heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of* forty years in the wilderness?

43 On the contrary, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them; and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen,

45 which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus {Joshua in Heb.} into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers unto the days of David,

46 who found grace before God and asked to provide a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him a house.

48 Howbeit the most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool; what house will ye build me? saith the Lord, or what *is* the place of my rest?

50 Has not my hand made all these things?

51 ¶ Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye.

52 Who of the prophets have your fathers not persecuted? and they have slain those who announced before the coming of the Just One, of whom ye have now been the betrayers and murderers,

53 who have received the law by the disposition of angels and have not kept *it*.

54 ¶ When they heard these things, they were divided in their hearts and gnashed on him with *their* teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God

56 and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 And crying out with a loud voice, they stopped their ears and ran upon him with one accord;

58 and casting *him* out of the city, they stoned *him*; and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen calling upon *God* and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down and cried with a loud voice, Lord, impute not this sin to their charge. And having said this, he fell asleep in the Lord.

Acts 8

1 ¶ And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} which was at Jerusalem, and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial* and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havoc of the *congregation*; {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} entering into the houses and dragging *out* men and women, he committed *them* to prison.

4 ¶ But those that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word of the gospel.

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached the Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the signs which he did.

7 For many unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of those who were possessed *with them*, and many paralytics and that were lame were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who before this in the same city used magic arts and amazed the people of Samaria, giving out that *he* himself was some great one,

10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This is the great virtue of God.

11 And to him they had regard because for a long time he had amazed them with magic arts.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also; and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs

which were being done.

14 ¶ Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John unto them,

15 who, when they were come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them; they were baptized only in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then they laid *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

19 saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit.

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter, for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness and pray God, if perhaps this thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness and *in* the prison of iniquity.

24 Then Simon answered and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of God, returned to Jerusalem and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

26 ¶ And the angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip, saying, Arise and go toward the south unto the way that goes down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27 Then he arose and went, and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure and had come to Jerusalem to worship,

28 was returning and sitting in his chariot reading Isaiah the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran there to *him* and heard him read the prophet Isaiah and said, Dost thou understand what thou readest?

31 And he said, How can I, except someone should guide me? And he besought Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth;

33 in his humiliation his judgment was taken away, and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip and said, I pray thee, of whom does the prophet speak this? of himself or of some other?

35 Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture and preached unto him the gospel of Jesus.

36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what hinders me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, If thou dost believe with all thine heart, thou may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still, and they went both down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, so that the eunuch saw him no more, and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus, and passing through, he preached the gospel in all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 9

1 ¶ And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, came unto the prince of the priests

2 and asked him for letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he proceeded, he came near Damascus; and suddenly there shone round about him a light from heaven;

4 and falling to the earth, he heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why dost thou persecute me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I AM Jesus whom thou dost persecute; *it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what it behooves thee to do.

7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing indeed the voice, but seeing no one.

8 Then Saul arose from the earth; and opening his eyes, he saw no one; so they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus

9 where he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 ¶ And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; to whom the Lord said in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.

11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise and go into the street which is called Straight and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus; for, behold, he prays

12 and has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, *of* how much evil he has done to thy saints in Jerusalem,

14 and even here he has authority from the princes of the priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go; for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;

16 for I will show him how much it behooves him to suffer for my name.

17 Then Ananias went and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared unto thee in the way as thou didst come, has sent me, that thou might receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received sight immediately and arose and was baptized.

19 And when he had received food, he was comforted. Then Saul was certain days with the disciples who were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

21 But all that heard *him* were amazed and said, Is not this he that destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem and came here for that intent that he might bring them bound unto the princes of the priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength and confounded the Jews who dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is the Christ.

23 ¶ And as many days passed, the Jews took counsel among themselves to kill him;

24 but their ambushes were understood by Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

25 Then the disciples took him by night and let *him* down by the wall in a basket.

26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he tried to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him and did not believe that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him and brought *him* to the apostles and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way and that he had spoken to him and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem;

29 and he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Greeks; but they went about to slay him,

30 *which* when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 Then the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} had rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria and were edified, walking in the fear of the Lord, and with the comfort of the Holy Spirit they were multiplied.

32 ¶ And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been in bed eight years, for he was a paralytic.

34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, the Lord Jesus, the Christ, makes thee whole; arise and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him and turned to the Lord.

36 ¶ Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas; this woman was full of good works and alms-deeds {lit. acts of mercy} which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days that she was sick and died, whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

38 And since as Lydda was close to Joppa and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, asking *him* that he not delay to come to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas had made them while she was with them.

40 Then Peter put them all out and knelt down and prayed and turned to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her *his* hand and lifted her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

Acts 10

1 ¶ There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the company called the Italian,

2 a devout *man* and one that feared God with all his house, who gave many alms to the people and prayed to God always.

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him and saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms {lit. thine acts of mercy} are come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa and call for *one* Simon, whose surname is Peter;

6 he lodges with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side; he shall tell thee what it behooves thee to do.

7 And when the angel who spoke unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants and a devout soldier of those that waited on him continually;

8 and when he had declared all *these* things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

9 ¶ On the morrow, as they went on their journey and drew near unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour;

10 and he became very hungry and would have eaten; but while they made ready, he fell into a rapture of understanding

11 and saw the heaven opened and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners and let down to the earth,

12 in which were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth and wild beasts and reptiles and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter, kill and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice *spoke* unto him again the second time, That which God has cleansed, do not call common.

16 This was done three times, and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men who were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house and stood before the gate

18 and called and asked whether Simon, who was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 ¶ While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

20 Arise therefore and get thee down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.

21 Then Peter went down to the men who were sent unto him from Cornelius and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek; what *is* the cause for which ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man and one that fears God and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by a holy angel to send for thee into his house and to hear words of thee.

23 Then he called them in and lodged *them*. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And the next day they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshipped *him*.

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he went in and found many that were come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an abominable thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company or come unto one of another nation; but God has showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 Therefore I came *unto you* without doubting, as soon as I was sent for; I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing

31 and said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call here Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of *one* Simon a tanner by the sea side, who, when he comes, shall speak unto thee.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee, and thou hast done well to come. Now therefore we are all here present before God to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

34 ¶ Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons;

35 but in every nation he that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him.

36 The word which *God* sent unto the sons of Israel, preaching the gospel: peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),

37 that word, *I* say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached,

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of Judea and in Jerusalem, whom they slew hanging him on a tree.

40 This same *one* God raised up the third day and showed him openly,

41 not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people and to testify that it is he who is ordained of God *to be* the Judge of living and dead.

43 Unto him all the prophets give witness, that whosoever believes in him shall receive remission of sins through his name.

44 ¶ While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard the word.

45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, that also on the Gentiles the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered,

47 Can anyone forbid water that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they begged him to tarry certain days.

Acts 11

1 ¶ And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

2 When Peter was come up to Jerusalem, those that were of the circumcision contended with him,

3 saying, Why didst thou go in to men uncircumcised and eat with them?

4 But Peter rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning and expounded *it* by order unto them, saying,

5 I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a rapture of understanding I saw a vision: A certain vessel descended like a great sheet let down from heaven by the four corners, and it came unto me,

6 upon which when I had fastened my eyes, I considered and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth and wild beasts and reptiles and fowls of the air.

7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter, slay and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord, for nothing common or unclean has at any time entered into my mouth.

9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God has cleansed, do not call common.

10 And this was done three times, and it was all drawn up again into heaven.

11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

13 And he showed us how he had seen an angel in his house, who stood and said unto him, Send to Joppa and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter,

14 who shall tell thee words, by which thou and all thy house shall be saved.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, when he said, John indeed baptized in water, but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

17 So then, if God gave them the same gift as *he did* unto us, who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that I should withstand God?

18 When they heard these things, they were silent and glorified God, saying, Then God has also granted repentance unto life to the Gentiles.

19 ¶ Now those who were scattered abroad by the tribulation that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice and Cyprus and Antioch, preaching the word to no one except only unto the Jews.

20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they came into Antioch, spoke unto the Greeks, preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord.

22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} which was in Jerusalem, and they sent forth Barnabas that he should go unto Antioch.

23 Who, when he came and had seen the grace of God, was glad and exhorted them all to remain in *their* purpose of heart in the Lord.

24 For he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, and many people were added unto the Lord.

25 Then Barnabas departed to Tarsus to seek Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch.

26 And it came to pass that for a whole year they gathered themselves together with the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} and taught many people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

27 ¶ And in those days prophets came down from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and signified by the Spirit that there should be great famine throughout all the world, which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

29 Then the disciples, each one according to what he had, determined to send relief unto the brethren who dwelt in Judea,

30 which they likewise did and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 12

1 ¶ Now at that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to mistreat certain of the *congregation*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him, intending after the passover to bring him forth to the people.

5 ¶ Peter therefore was kept in the prison, and the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} made prayer without unto God for him.

6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and the guards before the door that kept the prison.

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shone in the prison, and he smote Peter on the side and woke him up, saying, Arise quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.

8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he said unto him, Cast thy garment about thee and follow me.

9 And he went out and followed him and knew not that it was true which was done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision.

10 When they were past the first and the second guard, they came unto the iron gate that leads unto the city, which opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street, and then the angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety that the Lord has sent his angel and has delivered me out of the hand of Herod and *from* all the people of the Jews who waited for me.

12 And considering *this*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying.

13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the patio, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

14 And when she recognized Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in and told how Peter stood at the gate.

15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then they said, It is his angel.

16 But Peter continued knocking, and when they had opened *the door* and saw him, they were astonished.

17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to be silent, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go make these things known unto James and to the brethren. And he departed and went to another place.

18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers *concerning* what was become of Peter.

19 And when Herod had sought for him and found him not, he examined the guards and commanded that *they* should be taken away. Then he went down from Judaea to Caesarea and abode there.

20 ¶ And Herod was highly displeased with those of Tyre and Sidon, but they came with one accord to him, and, having bribed Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace because their lands were supplied through those of the king's.

21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, *saying, It is the voice of god, and not of man.*

23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him because he did not give God the glory, and he expired eaten of worms.

24 But the word of the Lord grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled *their* ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

Acts 13

1 ¶ Now there were in the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} that was at Antioch prophets and teachers: Barnabas and Simeon that was called Niger and Lucius of Cyrene and Manaen, who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work unto which I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed and laid *their* hands on them, they released *them*.

4 ¶ So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, departed unto Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

5 And when they arrived at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews, and they also had John as an attendant.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain wise man, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name *was* Barjesus,

7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man, who called for Barnabas and Saul and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the wise man (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the proconsul from the faith.

9 Then Saul (who also *is* Paul), filled with the Holy Spirit, set his eyes on him

10 and said, O full of all deception and all licentiousness, *thou* son of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord *is* against thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness, and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and his company sailed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; then John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

14 ¶ But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the princes of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, *Ye men and brethren*, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, speak.

16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with *his* hand said, Men of Israel and ye that fear God hearken.

17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with a high arm he brought them out of it.

18 And *for* the time of about forty years, he suffered their manners in the wilderness.

19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he divided their land to them by lot.

20 And after that he gave *unto them* judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

21 And afterward they asked for a king, and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.

22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king, to whom also he gave testimony, saying, I have found David, the *son* of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who shall fulfil all my will.

23 Of this man's seed has God according to *his* promise raised up Jesus as Saviour unto Israel:

24 John, having first proclaimed before his coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not *he*. But, behold, there comes one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.

26 Men *and* brethren, sons of the lineage of Abraham, and whosoever among you fears God, unto you is this word of saving health sent.

27 For those that dwell at Jerusalem and their princes, because they knew him not nor yet the voices of the prophets who are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled *them* in condemning *him*.

28 And without finding cause of death *in him*, yet they asked Pilate that he should be slain.

29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took *him* down from the tree and laid *him* in a sepulchre.

30 But God raised him from the dead,

31 and he was seen many days by those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who until now are his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you the gospel of the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 which God has fulfilled unto us their children, in that he has raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, *now* no more to return to corruption, he said this, I will give you the sure mercies *promised* to David.

35 Therefore he also says in another place, Thou shalt not suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep and was gathered unto his fathers and saw corruption;

37 but he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

38 Be it known unto you, therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this one is preached unto you the remission of sins;

39 and in him all that believe are justified from all the things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

40 Beware, therefore, lest what is spoken of in the prophets come upon you:

41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder and perish, for I do a work in your days, a work which ye would in no wise believe, if one should declare it unto you.

42 ¶ And when they were gone out of the synagogue of the Jews, the Gentiles besought that these words might be spoken to them the next sabbath.

43 Now when the synagogue was dismissed, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to remain in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath day almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy and spoke against that which Paul said, contradicting and blaspheming.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas speaking with freedom, said, It was necessary indeed that the word of God should first have been spoken to you; but seeing ye put it from you and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so has the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles that thou should be for saving health unto the ends of the earth.

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord, and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women and the principals of the city and raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and expelled them out of their borders.

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them and came unto Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 14

1 ¶ And it came to pass in Iconium that they went *both* together into the synagogue of the Jews and so spoke, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

2 But the disobedient Jews stirred up the Gentiles and corrupted their desire against the brethren.

3 With all this, they abode there a long time speaking with freedom in the Lord, who gave testimony unto the word of his grace and granted that signs and wonders be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided, and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles and also of the Jews with their princes, to insult *them* and to stone them,

6 they were aware of *it* and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lies round about.

7 And there they preached the gospel.

8 ¶ And a certain man sat at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked;

9 this *man* heard Paul speak, who steadfastly beholding him and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Jupiter, who was before their city, brought bulls and garlands unto the gates and would have done sacrifice unto them with the people.

14 *Which* when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard *of it*, they rent their clothes and ran in among the people, crying out

15 and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things that are therein,

16 who in generations past suffered all the Gentiles to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless he did not leave himself without witness, in that he did good and gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these words they scarcely restrained the people, that they not sacrifice unto them.

19 ¶ And *certain* Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew *him* out of the city, supposing he was dead.

20 But as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up and came into the city, and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra and to Iconium and Antioch,

22 confirming the souls of the disciples *and* exhorting them to remain in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And having ordained elders for them in every *congregation* {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} and having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they believed.

24 And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia

26 and from there sailed to Antioch, where they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

27 And when they were come and had gathered the *congregation* {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} together, they related what great things God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

28 And there they abode *a* long time with the disciples.

Acts 15

1 ¶ Then certain men who came down from Judaea taught the brethren *and said*, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain other of them should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

3 And they, being accompanied by *some from the congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles, and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received by the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} and *by* the apostles and elders, and they declared all the things that God had done with them.

5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them and to command *them* to keep the law of Moses.

6 ¶ And the apostles and elders came together to consider of this matter.

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up and said unto them, Men *and* brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God chose that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel and believe.

8 And God, who knows the hearts, bore them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as *he did* unto us,

9 and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, putting a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 For we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

12 Then all the multitude kept silence and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what great miracles and wonders God had wrought among

the Gentiles by them.

13 And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, Men *and* brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon has declared how God first visited the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After this I will return and will restore the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will repair its ruins, and I will set it up again,

17 that the men that are left might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who does all these things.

18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19 Therefore my sentence is that those from among the Gentiles who are converted to God not be troubled,

20 but that we write unto them that they abstain from pollutions of idols and *from* fornication and *from* things strangled and *from* blood.

21 For Moses of old time has in every city those that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

22 ¶ Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole *congregation*, {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas surnamed Barsabas and Silas, principal men among the brethren;

23 and they wrote *letters* by them after this manner: The apostles and elders and brethren *send* greeting unto the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia;

24 forasmuch as we have heard that certain *ones* who went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised and keep the law, to whom we gave no *such* commandment,

25 it seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell *you* the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

29 that ye abstain from foods offered to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle,

31 *which* when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

32 And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words and confirmed *them*.

33 And after they had tarried *there* a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

34 Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.

35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching the word of the Lord and announcing the gospel, with many others also.

36 ¶ And some days after, Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord *and see* how they do.

37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

38 But Paul thought *it* not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia and did not go with them to the work.

39 And the contention was so sharp between them that they departed asunder one from the other, and so Barnabas took Mark and sailed unto Cyprus;

40 and Paul chose Silas and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the *congregations*.
{Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

Acts 16

1 ¶ Then he came to Derbe and Lystra; and, behold, a certain disciple was there named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman, who was faithful, but his father *was* a Gentile,

2 of whom the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium gave *good* witness.

3 Paul desired to have him go forth with him and took and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those quarters, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they asked them to keep the decrees that had been determined by the apostles and elders who were at Jerusalem.

5 And so the *congregations* {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} were established in the faith and increased in number daily.

6 ¶ Now passing through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia;

7 after they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9 And a vision was shown to Paul in the night: There stood a man of Macedonia, asking him, saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next *day* to Neapolis,

12 and from there to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, *and* a colony; and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on one of the sabbaths we went out of the city by a river side, where it was customary to pray; and we sat down and spoke unto the women who gathered *there*.

14 Then a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, who feared God, heard *us*, whose heart the Lord opened that she attended unto the things which were spoken by Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, with her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

16 ¶ And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a Pythian spirit met us, which brought her masters much gain by divination:

17 she followed Paul and us and cried out, saying, These men are the slaves of the most high God, who announce unto us the way of deliverance.

18 And she did this *for* many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers

20 and brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city

21 and teach rites which are not lawful for us to receive neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them, and the magistrates rent off their clothes and commanded to beat *them*.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely,

24 who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 ¶ But at midnight as Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them,

26 then suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking out of his sleep and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm, for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light and came inside and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas

30 and brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spoke unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

35 ¶ And when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, Let those men go.

36 And the keeper of the prison made these words known unto Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go; now therefore depart and go in peace.

37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast *us* into prison; and now do they thrust us out in secret? no indeed; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.

38 And the sergeants returned and told these words unto the magistrates; and they feared when they heard that they were Romans.

39 And they came and besought them, and bringing *them* out, asked *them* to depart out of the city.

40 And leaving the prison, they entered into *the house of* Lydia; and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them and departed.

Acts 17

1 ¶ Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where the synagogue of the Jews was.

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 declaring openly and proposing that it behooved the Christ to have suffered and risen again from the dead and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is the Christ.

4 And some of them believed and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the noble women not a few.

5 But the disobedient Jews, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort and gathered a company and set all the city on an uproar and assaulted the house of Jason and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they did not find them, they brought Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down have come here also,

7 whom Jason has received, and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, *one* Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jason and of the others, they let them go.

10 ¶ And the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night unto Berea, who when they got *there* went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all diligence and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed, also of honourable women who were Greeks and of men, not a few.

13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the

people.

14 And then immediately the brethren sent Paul to go away towards the sea, but Silas and Timothy abode there still.

15 And those that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens; and receiving an order from him unto Silas and Timothy to come unto him as soon as possible, they departed.

16 ¶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him when he saw the city completely given over to idolatry.

17 Therefore he disputed in the synagogue with the Jews and with the devout persons and in the market daily with those that he met with.

18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans and of the Stoics encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? others, He seems to be a setter forth of new gods, because he preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection.

19 And they took him and brought him unto the Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine *is*, of which thou speakest?

20 For thou bringest certain new things to our ears; we desire, therefore, to know what these things mean.

21 (For all the Athenians and strangers who were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing.)

22 ¶ Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus, {Mars' Hill} and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by and beheld your sanctuaries, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him I declare unto you.

24 The God that made the world and all the things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

25 neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he gives to all life and breath and all things

26 and has made of one blood all the lineage of men to dwell on all the face of the earth and has determined the seasons (which he has limited) and the bounds of their habitation;

27 that they should seek the Lord, if in any manner they might *reach out to* touch him and find him though he is not far from each one of us;

28 for in him we live and move and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also of his lineage.

29 Being therefore of the lineage of God, we ought not to think that which is Divine is like unto gold or silver or stone, bearing the mark of art and man's imagination.

30 For the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but *he* now commands all men everywhere to repent

31 because he has appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he has ordained; *of whom* he has given assurance unto all *men* in that he has raised him from the dead.

32 ¶ And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; and others said, We will hear thee again of this *matter*.

33 So Paul departed from among them.

34 But certain men believed and joined themselves with him, among whom *was* Dionysius of the Areopagus and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Acts 18

- 1 ¶ After these things Paul departed from Athens and came to Corinth
2 and found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla (for Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome) and came unto them.
3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them and worked, for by their occupation they were tentmakers.
4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath and persuaded Jews and Greeks.
5 And when Silas and Timothy were come from Macedonia, Paul was impressed by the Spirit and testified to the Jews *that* Jesus *was* the Christ.
6 And when they opposed themselves and blasphemed, he shook *his* raiment and said unto them, Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I *am* clean; from now on I will go unto the Gentiles.
7 ¶ And he departed from there and entered into a certain *man's* house, named Titus the Just, *one* that feared God, whose house was next to the synagogue.
8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.
9 Then the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent,
10 For I am with thee, and no one shall be able to hurt thee, for I have many people in this city.
11 And he continued *there* a year and six months, teaching them the word of God.
12 ¶ And when Gallio was the proconsul of Achaia, the Jews rose up with one accord against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat,
13 saying, This *fellow* persuades men to honor God contrary to the law.
14 And when Paul was now about to open *his* mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you;

15 but if it is a question of words and names and of your law, look ye *to it*, for I will be no judge of such *matters*.

16 And he drove them from the judgment seat.

17 Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat *him* before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.

18 ¶ And Paul *after this* tarried *there* yet a good while and then took his leave of the brethren and sailed from there into Syria and with him Priscilla and Aquila, having shorn *his* head in Cenchrea, for he had a vow.

19 And he came to Ephesus and left them there, but he himself entered into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

20 When they desired *him* to tarry longer time with them, he consented not,
21 but bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that comes in Jerusalem, but I will return again unto you, if God wills. And he sailed from Ephesus.

22 And when he had landed at Caesarea and gone up *to Jerusalem* and after greeting the *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} he went down to Antioch.

23 And after he had spent some time *there*, he departed and went over *all* the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, confirming all the disciples.

24 ¶ And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spoke and taught diligently the things of the Lord, teaching only in the baptism of John.

26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Aquila and Priscilla had heard him, they took him unto *them* and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the exhorted brethren wrote the disciples to receive him, who, when he was come, was very helpful through grace unto those who had believed;

28 for he mightily convinced the Jews in public, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

Acts 19

1 ¶ And it came to pass that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed through the upper coasts, came to Ephesus, and finding certain disciples,

2 he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there is any Holy Spirit.

3 And he said unto them, Into what then were ye baptized? And they said, Into John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him who should come after him, that is, on Christ, Jesus.

5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

8 ¶ And he went into the synagogue and spoke freely for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when some were hardened and disobedient, but cursing the way before the multitude, he departed from them and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years so that all those who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul

12 so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 ¶ Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon themselves to invoke over those who had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches.

14 (And there were seven sons of *one* Sceva, a Jew *and* prince of the priests, who did so.)

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I am acquainted with, but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them and overcame them and prevailed against them so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, confessing and declaring their deeds.

19 In the same manner many who had practiced vain arts brought their books together and burned them before everyone, and they counted the price of them and found *it* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

20 So the word of God grew mightily and prevailed.

21 ¶ After these things were ended, Paul purposed by *the* Spirit to go to Jerusalem, after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, After I have been there, it behooves me to see Rome also.

22 So he sent into Macedonia two of those that ministered unto him, Timothy and Erastus, but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

23 And the same time there arose no small stir about the way.

24 For a certain *man* named Demetrius, a silversmith who made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen,

25 whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation and said, Sirs, ye know that by this gain we have our wealth.

26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands

27 so that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought, but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship.

28 And when they heard *these sayings*, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion, and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31 And certain of the chief *persons* of Asia, who were his friends, sent unto him, asking *him* that he not present himself in the theatre.

32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another, for the assembly was confused; and most of them did not know why they were come together.

33 And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand and would have made his defense unto the people.

34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35 Then the *town* scribe, appeasing the people, said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that does not know how the city of the Ephesians is honored of the great goddess Diana and of the *image* which fell down from Jupiter?

36 Seeing then that these things cannot be gainsaid, ye ought to be quiet and to do nothing rashly.

37 For ye have brought here these men, who are neither *guilty of* sacrilege, nor blasphemers of your goddess.

38 Therefore if Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are proconsuls; let them accuse one another.

39 But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

40 For we are in danger of being accused of sedition for this day's uproar, there being no cause by which we may give an account of this concourse.

41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

Acts 20

1 ¶ And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called the disciples and embraced *them* and departed to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone over those parts and had exhorted them with much word, he came into Greece

3 and *there* abode three months. And when the Jews laid *in* wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he took counsel to return through Macedonia.

4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe and Timothy; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

5 These going before tarried for us at Troas.

6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread and came unto them to Troas in five days, where we abode seven days.

7 ¶ And the first of the sabbaths, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart the next day, and continued his word until midnight.

8 And there were many lamps in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9 And a certain young man named Eutychus sat in a window, being fallen into a deep sleep; and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep and fell down from the third loft and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down and fell on him and, embracing *him*, said, Trouble not yourselves, for his soul is *still* in him.

11 When he therefore was come up again and had broken bread and eaten and talked a long while, even until day break, thus he departed.

12 And they took the young man *home* alive and were greatly comforted.

13 ¶ And we went into the ship and sailed unto Assos, intending to take in Paul there, for so he had determined that he should go by land.

14 And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in and came to Mitylene.

15 And we sailed from there and came the next *day* over against Chios, and the next *day* we arrived in port at Samos; and having rested in Trogyllium,

the next *day* we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, not to detain himself in Asia, for he hasted to keep the day of Pentecost, if it were possible for him, in Jerusalem.

17 ¶ And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the *congregation*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 serving the Lord with all humility and with many tears and temptations, which have befallen me by the ambushes of the Jews,

20 *and* how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have showed you and have taught you publicly and from house to house,

21 testifying both to the Jews and also to the Gentiles, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, I go bound of the Spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there,

23 except that the Holy Spirit witnesses in every city, saying that prisons and tribulations await me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither do I count my life dear unto myself, only that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Therefore I take you to record this day that I *am* pure from the blood of everyone.

27 For I have not refrained from declaring unto you the full counsel of God.

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as bishops to feed the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of God, which he has purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing, grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also from among your own selves, men shall arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after themselves.

31 Therefore watch and remember that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is powerful to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

34 Moreover, ye yourselves know that these hands have ministered unto my necessities and to those that were with me.

35 I have showed you *in* all things how that so labouring, ye ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 ¶ And when he had thus spoken, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

37 Then they all wept sore and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him,

38 sorrowing most of all for the word which he spoke, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

Acts 21

1 ¶ And it came to pass that after we had left them and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and the *day* following unto Rhodes, and from there unto Patara;

2 and finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard and set forth.

3 Now when we had sighted Cyprus, we left it on the left hand and sailed into Syria and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload her cargo.

4 And finding the disciples, we tarried there seven days, who said to Paul through the Spirit that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, until *we were* out of the city; and we knelt down on the shore and prayed.

6 And when we had taken our leave one of another, we embarked *on the* ship, and they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished *our* course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais and saluted the brethren and abode with them one day.

8 ¶ And the next *day* Paul and those of us that were with him departed and came unto Caesarea; and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was *one* of the seven, and abode with him.

9 And he had four daughters, virgins, who prophesied.

10 And as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle and bound his own hands and feet and said, Thus saith the Holy Spirit, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owns this girdle and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we and those of that place besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, Let the will of the Lord be done.

15 ¶ And after those days we packed our baggage and went up to Jerusalem.

16 There went with us also *certain* of the disciples of Caesarea and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we arrived at Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

18 And the *day* following, Paul went in with us to *see* James, and all the elders were gathered.

19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

20 And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous of the law;

21 and they are informed of thee that thou teachest all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise *their* children, neither to walk after the customs.

22 What is it therefore? The multitude must needs come together, for they will hear that thou art come.

23 Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men among us who have a vow on them;

24 them take, and purify thyself with them, and pay their expenses, that they may shave *their* heads, and all may know that those things, of which they were informed concerning thee, are nothing, but *that* thou thyself dost also walk orderly and keep the law.

25 As touching the Gentiles who believe, we have written *and* concluded that they observe no such thing, except only that they keep themselves from *things* offered to idols and from blood and from *that which has been* strangled and from fornication.

26 Then Paul took the men and the next day, purifying himself with them, entered into the temple to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification until an offering should be offered for each one of them.

27 ¶ And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews, who were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people and laid

hands on him,

28 crying out, Men of Israel, help; this is the man that teaches everyone everywhere against the people and the law and this place and further brought Greeks also into the temple and has polluted this holy place.

29 (For before *this* they had seen Trophimus, an Ephesian, with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

30 So that all the city was moved, and the people ran together; and they took Paul and drew him out of the temple, and immediately the doors were shut.

31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the tribunal of the company that all Jerusalem was in an uproar

32 who immediately took soldiers and centurions and ran down unto them; and when they saw the tribunal and the soldiers, they left off beating Paul.

33 Then the tribunal came near and took him and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains and demanded *to know* who he was and what he had done.

34 And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude; and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the fortress.

35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was that he was borne of the soldiers because of the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was to be led into the fortress, he said unto the tribunal, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek?

38 Art not thou that Egyptian, who before these days made an uproar and led four thousand men out into the wilderness that were murderers?

39 But Paul said, I am certainly a Jew, a citizen of Tarsus, a city known in Cilicia; and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

40 And when he had given him license, Paul stood on the stairs and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spoke unto *them* in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

Acts 22

1 ¶ Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defense *which I make* now unto you.

2 (And when they heard that he spoke in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence, and he said,)

3 ¶ I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus, *a city* in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel *and* taught according to the truth of the law of the fathers, zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

5 As also the prince of the priests bears me witness, and all the estate of the elders, from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus to bring those who were bound there unto Jerusalem to be punished.

6 And it came to pass that, as I made my journey and was come near unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 And I fell unto the ground and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why dost thou persecute me?

8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I Am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou dost persecute.

9 And those that were with me saw indeed the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of him that spoke to me.

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise and go into Damascus, and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11 And when I could not see for the clarity of that light, being led by the hand of those that were with me, I came into Damascus.

12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good witness of all the Jews who dwelt *there*,

13 came unto me and stood and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers has chosen thee that thou should know his will and see that Just One and should hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

16 And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

17 And it came to pass that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a rapture of understanding

18 and saw him saying unto me, Make haste and go quickly out of Jerusalem, for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and in every synagogue beat those that believed on thee;

20 and when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by and consenting unto his death and kept the raiment of those that slew him.

21 And he said unto me, Depart, for I will send thee far from here unto the Gentiles.

22 ¶ And they gave him audience unto this word and *then* lifted up their voices and said, Away with such a *fellow* from the earth, for it is not fit that he should live.

23 And as they cried out and cast off *their* clothes and threw dust into the air,

24 the tribunal commanded him to be brought into the fortress and bade that he should be examined by scourging that he might know why they cried out so against him.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman and uncondemned?

26 When the centurion heard *that*, he went and told the tribunal, saying, Take heed what thou doest, for this man is a Roman.

27 Then the tribunal came and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yes.

28 And the tribunal answered, With a great sum I obtained this freedom. And Paul said, But I was *free* born.

29 Then straightway those who should have tormented him departed from him, and the tribunal was also afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman and because he had bound him.

30 On the next day, because he wanted to know of certainty the cause for which he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from *his* bands and commanded the princes of the priests and all their council to appear and brought Paul down and set him before them.

Acts 23

1 ¶ Then Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

2 And the prince of the priests, Ananias, commanded those that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then Paul said unto him, God shall smite thee, *thou* whitewashed wall, for dost thou sit to judge me after the law and command me to be smitten contrary to the law?

4 And those that stood by said, Dost thou revile God's high priest?

5 Then Paul said, I did not know, brethren, that he was the prince of the priests, for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.

6 ¶ But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men *and* brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee, and of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the multitude was divided.

8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess both.

9 And there arose a great cry; and the scribes *that were* of the Pharisees' part arose and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man, but if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

10 And when there arose a great dissension, the tribunal, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and to take him by force from among them and to bring *him* into the fortress.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him and said, Be of good cheer, Paul, for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou also bear witness at Rome.

12 ¶ And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together and they vowed under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul.

13 And they were more than forty who had made this conspiracy.

14 And they came to the princes of the priests and the elders and said, We have made a vow of anathema that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the tribunal that he bring him down unto you tomorrow, as though ye would enquire something more certain concerning him, and we, before he arrives, are ready to kill him.

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their ambush, he went and entered into the fortress and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto *him* and said, Bring this young man unto the tribunal, for he has a certain thing to tell him.

18 So he took him and brought *him* to the tribunal and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto *him* and asked me to bring this young man unto thee, who has something to say unto thee.

19 Then the tribunal took him by the hand and went *with him* aside privately and asked *him*, What is that thou hast to tell me?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to ask thee that thou would bring down Paul tomorrow into the council, as though they would enquire something more certain of him.

21 But do not believe them, for more than forty of them lie in wait *to ambush* him, who have vowed under a curse that they will neither eat nor drink until they have killed him, and now they are ready, looking for a promise from thee.

22 So the tribunal *then* let the young man depart and charged *him*, *See thou* tell no one that thou hast showed these things to me.

23 And he called unto *him* two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea and seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen, at the third hour of the night

24 and provide *them* beasts that they may set Paul on and bring *him* safe unto Felix the governor.

25 And he wrote a letter after this manner:

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix *sends* greeting.

27 This man was taken of the Jews and should have been killed by them; then I came with an army and rescued him, having understood that he was a

Roman.

28 And when I desired to know the cause of why they accused him, I brought him forth into their council,

29 whom I found to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.

30 And when it was told me how the Jews lay *in* wait to *ambush* the man, I sent straightway to thee and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what *they had* against him. Farewell.

31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul and brought *him* by night to Antipatris.

32 On the next day they left the horsemen to go with him and returned to the fortress,

33 who, when they came to Caesarea and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.

34 And when the governor had read *the letter*, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that *he was* of Cilicia,

35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

Acts 24

1 ¶ And after five days Ananias, the prince of the priests, descended with the elders and *with* a certain orator *named* Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

2 And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse *him*, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great peace and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy prudence,

3 we accept *it* always and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee that thou would hear us of thy clemency a few words.

5 For we have found this man *a* pestilent *fellow* and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world and prince of the seditious sect of the Nazarenes,

6 who also has gone about to profane the temple, whom we took and would have judged according to our law.

7 But the tribunal Lysias came *upon us*, and with great violence took *him* away out of our hands,

8 commanding his accusers to come unto thee; by examining of whom thou may take knowledge of all these things, of which we accuse him.

9 And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.

10 ¶ Then Paul, after the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself;

11 because thou art able to understand that there have been but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city,

13 neither can they prove the things of which they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call *a* sect, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets,

15 and have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And for this reason do I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offense toward God and *toward* men.

17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation and offerings.

18 Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult,

19 who ought to have been here before thee and object if they had anything against me.

20 Or else let these same *here* say if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 except it be for this one voice, that I cried out standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead, I am called in question by you this day.

22 ¶ And when Felix heard these things, he deferred them, saying, I shall have more information regarding *that* way, when Lysias the tribunal shall come down, *Then* I will know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul and to let *him* have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his own to minister or come unto him.

24 And after certain days when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess, he sent for Paul and heard of him the faith which is in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered, Go away for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

26 He hoped also that money should have been given him from Paul, that he might loose him; therefore he sent for him many times and communed with him.

27 But after two years Felix received Porcius Festus as successor; and Felix, wanting to win the grace of the Jews, left Paul bound.

Acts 25

1 ¶ Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

2 Then the prince of the priests and the principals of the Jews informed him against Paul and besought him,

3 asking for grace against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, they placing an ambush in the way to kill him.

4 But Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea and that he himself would depart shortly *there*.

5 Let them, therefore, said he, who among you are able, go down with *me* and accuse this man, if there is anything in him.

6 And when he had tarried among them no more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea and the next day, sitting on the judgment seat, commanded Paul to be brought.

7 And when he was come, the Jews who came down from Jerusalem stood round about and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.

8 While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar have I sinned *in* anything at all.

9 But Festus, willing to ingratiate himself with the Jews, answered Paul and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?

10 Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged; to the Jews I have done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

11 For if I am an offender or have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die; but if there are none of these things of which these accuse me, no one may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

13 ¶ And after certain days King Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus.

14 And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix,

15 about whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the princes of the priests and the elders of the Jews informed *me*, desiring *to have* vengeance against him.

16 To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before the one who is accused is face to face with his accusers and is given license to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

17 Therefore, when they were come here, without any delay on the next day I sat on the judgment seat and commanded the man to be brought forth.

18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought no accusation of such things as I supposed,

19 but had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

20 And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked *him* whether he would go to Jerusalem and there be judged of these matters.

21 But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept until I might send him to Caesar.

22 Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. Tomorrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

23 And the next day when Agrippa was come and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the tribunals and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment, Paul was brought forth.

24 Then Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men who are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem and *also* here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.

25 But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death and that he himself has appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.

26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Therefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O King Agrippa, that, after examination, I might have something to write.

27 For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not to signify the crimes *laid* against him.

Acts 26

1 ¶ Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand and answered for himself:

2 I esteem myself blessed, King Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee concerning all the things of which I am accused of the Jews,

3 especially *because I know* thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews; therefore, I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

4 My manner of life from my youth, which from the beginning was among my own nation at Jerusalem, is known of all the Jews,

5 who knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most perfect sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers;

7 unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, constantly serving *God* day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you that God should raise the dead?

9 I verily had thought that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 Which things I also did in Jerusalem, and I shut up many of the saints in prison, having received authority from the princes of the priests, and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against *them*.

11 And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted *them* even unto foreign cities.

12 ¶ Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the princes of the priests,

13 at midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and those who journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why dost thou persecute me? *It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou dost persecute.

16 But rise and stand upon thy feet, for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen and of those things in which I will appear unto thee;

17 delivering thee from the people and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee

18 to open their eyes *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and inheritance among those who are sanctified by the faith that is in me.

19 Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision,

20 but I announced first unto those of Damascus and at Jerusalem and throughout all the coasts of Judaea and *then* to the Gentiles that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple and went about to kill *me*.

22 Having, therefore, obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said should come:

23 that the Christ should suffer *and* that he should be the first that should rise from the dead and should show light unto this people and to the Gentiles.

24 ¶ And as he spoke these things and *answered* for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak forth words of truth and temperance.

26 For the king knows of these things, before whom I also speak freely; for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him, for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King Agrippa, dost thou believe the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I desire before God that by little or by much, not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when he had said these things, the king rose up and the governor and Bernice and those that sat with them;

31 and when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man does nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 Then Agrippa said unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

Acts 27

1 ¶ But when it was determined that we should sail unto Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto *one* named Julius, a centurion of the Augustus company.

2 And entering into the ship, Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia, *one* Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

3 And the next *day* we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul and gave *him* liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

4 And when we had launched from there, we sailed under Cyprus because the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, *a city* of Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy, and he put us in it.

7 And when we had sailed slowly many days and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not allowing us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmone,

8 and, passing it with difficulty, came unto a place which is called The Fair Havens, near which was the city *of* Lasea.

9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished *them*,

10 saying, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

12 ¶ And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, many were in agreement to depart from there also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice *and* winter *there*, *which* is a port of Crete and lies toward Africa and the west.

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* purpose, raising *sails*, they sailed close by Crete.

14 But not long after, there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon. {devastating cold north wind from Europe}

15 And when the ship was caught up *by it* and could not resist against the wind, *the ship* was taken by *the wind and* drifted.

16 And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat,

17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into Syrtis, {or the sandbanks} struck sail and so were driven.

18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next *day* they lightened the ship;

19 and the third *day* with our own hands we cast off the dead works of the ship.

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared and no small tempest lay on *us*, all hope that we should be saved was then lost.

21 ¶ Then after long abstinence, Paul stood forth in the midst of them and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me and not have loosed from Crete to have avoided this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer, for there shall be no loss of any person's life among you, but only of the ship.

23 For the angel of God stood by me this night, whose I am and whom I serve,

24 saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar; and, behold, God has given thee all those that sail with thee.

25 Therefore, sirs, be of good cheer; for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

26 However we must be cast upon a certain island.

27 And when the fourteenth night was come as we were driven up and down in the Adriatic sea, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country

28 and sounded and found *it* twenty fathoms; and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again and found *it* fifteen fathoms.

29 Then fearing lest we should fall upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern and wished for the day.

30 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat and let her fall off.

33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought *them* all to take food, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have waited and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Therefore I pray you to take *some* food, for this is for your *salvation and* health, for there shall not one hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread and gave thanks to God in presence of them all; and when he had broken *it*, he began to eat.

36 Then they were all of good cheer, and they also took *some* food.

37 And we were in all, in the ship, two hundred and seventy-six souls.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship and cast out the grain into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they discovered a certain gulf with a shore, into which they decided, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed *themselves* unto the sea and loosed the rudder bands and hoisted up the mainsail to the wind and made toward shore.

41 But falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast and remained unmovable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out and escape.

43 But the centurion, desiring to save Paul, frustrated this counsel and commanded that those who could swim should cast *themselves* first *into the sea* and get to land;

44 and the rest, some on boards and some on *broken pieces* of the ship. And so it came to pass that they were all saved *by making it* to land.

Acts 28

1 ¶ And when they were escaped, then we knew that the island was called Melita. {or Malta}

2 And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness; for they kindled a *great* fire and received all of us because of the present rain and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid *them* on the fire, a viper came out of the heat and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the *venomous* beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet vengeance does not suffer *him* to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire and felt no harm.

6 But they were waiting to see when he should have swollen or fallen down dead suddenly; but after they had waited a great while and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of a principal man of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of dysentery, to whom Paul entered in and prayed and laid his hands on him and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, who had diseases in the island, came and were healed,

10 who also honoured us with many gifts; and when we departed, they laded *us* with such things as were necessary.

11 ¶ And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose ensign was Castor and Pollux.

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried *there* three days.

13 And having gone around, we came to Rhegium, and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli,

14 where we found brethren, who asked us to tarry with them seven days, and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from there, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and The Three Taverns whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the praetorian prefect, but Paul was allowed to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

17 ¶ And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the principals of the Jews together, and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men *and* brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans,

18 who, when they had examined me, would have let *me* go because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spoke against *it*, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar, not that I had anything to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore I have called for you, to see *you* and to speak with *you*: because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came showed or spoke any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest; for as concerning this sect, we know that everywhere it is spoken against.

23 ¶ And when they had appointed him a day, many came to him into *his* lodging, to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, procuring to persuade them of that concerning Jesus, the Christ, out of the law of Moses and *out of* the prophets, from morning until evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some did not believe.

25 And when they did not agree among themselves, they departed, after Paul had spoken this word, Well spoke the Holy Spirit by Isaiah the prophet unto our fathers,

26 saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see and not perceive;

27 for the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears and understand with *their* heart and should be converted and I should heal them.

28 Be it known, therefore, unto you that this saving health of God is sent unto the Gentiles and *that* they will hear it.

29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed and had *a* great dispute among themselves.

30 ¶ And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house and received all that came in unto him,

31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all liberty, without hindrance.

The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to The
Romans

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Romans 1

1 ¶ Paul, slave of Jesus, the Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God

2 (which he had promised before by his prophets in the holy scriptures)

3 of his Son (who was born unto him of the seed of David according to the flesh,

4 who was declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of sanctification, by the resurrection from the dead), of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord.

5 By whom we have received the grace and the apostleship, to *cause* the faith to be obeyed among all the Gentiles in his name,

6 among whom ye are also the called of Jesus Christ;

7 to all that are in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints; ye have grace and peace of God our Father and of the Lord Jesus, the Christ.

8 ¶ First, I thank my God through Jesus, the Christ, regarding you all, that your faith is preached in all the world.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I always remember you in my prayers,

10 making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you that I may impart with you some spiritual gift to confirm you,

12 that is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that many times I purposed to come unto you (but up until now I have been unable) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

14 I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to announce the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

16 ¶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of the Christ; for it is *the* power of God *to give* saving health to every one that believes: to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

17 For in him is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and injustice of men, who hold back the truth with injustice;

19 ¶ because that which is known of God is manifest to them; for God has showed *it* unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him, his eternal power and divinity, are clearly understood by the creation of the world and by the things that are made so that there is no excuse;

21 because having known God, they did not glorify *him* as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools

23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for *the* likeness of *an* image of corruptible man and of birds and of fourfooted beasts and of serpents.

24 Therefore God also gave them over to the lusts of their own hearts for uncleanness, to contaminate their own bodies between *themselves*,

25 who changed the truth of God into a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for all ages. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto shameful affections, for even their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature;

27 and likewise also the males, leaving the natural use of the females, burned in their lust one toward another, males with males committing nefarious works and receiving in themselves the recompense that proceeded from their error.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a perverse understanding, to do those things which are not convenient,

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, without mercy.

32 Who having understood the righteousness of God, they did not understand that those who do such things are worthy of death, not only those that do the same, but even those who encourage those that do them.

Romans 2

1 ¶ Therefore, thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest; for in that which thou dost judge another, thou dost condemn thyself; for thou that judgest *others* doest the same things.

2 For we are sure that the judgment of God is according to *the* truth against those who do such things.

3 And dost thou think this, O man, that judgest those who do such things and *doest the same*, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

4 Or dost thou despise the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, ignoring that the goodness of God leads thee to repentance?

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasures up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

6 who will render to everyone according to his deeds:

7 to those who persevered in well doing, glory and honour and incorruption, to those who seek eternal life;

8 but unto those that are contentious and do not obey the truth, but are persuaded by unrighteousness, indignation and wrath.

9 Tribulation and anguish *shall be* upon every human soul that does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek;

10 but glory, honour, and peace to everyone that works good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law

13 (for not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified;

14 for when the Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature that which is of the law, these, not having the law, are a law unto themselves;

15 which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, accusing and also excusing their reasonings one with another)

16 in the day when God shall judge that which men have covered up, according to my gospel by Jesus, the Christ.

17 ¶ Behold, thou doth call thyself a Jew and art supported by the law and doth glory in God

18 and dost know *his* will and approve the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law,

19 and art confident that thou thyself art *a* guide of the blind, *a* light of those who *are* in darkness,

20 an instructor of the ignorant, a teacher of children, who hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

21 Thou, therefore, who teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? Thou that dost abhor idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, with rebellion to the law doth thou dishonour God?

24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

25 For circumcision verily profits if thou keep the law, but if thou art a rebel to the law, thy circumcision is made *into* a foreskin.

26 Therefore if the uncircumcised keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his foreskin be counted for circumcision?

27 And that which is by nature foreskin, but keeps the law perfectly, shall judge thee who with the letter and with the circumcision art rebellious to the law.

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, neither is circumcision that which is done outwardly in the flesh;

29 but he *is* a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit *and* not in the letter, whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Romans 3

1 ¶ What advantage then has the Jew? or what profit *is there* of circumcision?

2 Much in every way: first, certainly, that the oracles of God have been entrusted unto them.

3 For what if some of them did not believe? Shall their unbelief have made the truth of God without effect?

4 No, in no wise: for God is true, and every man a liar; as it is written, That thou might be justified in thy words and might overcome when thou dost judge.

5 And if our iniquity commends the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Shall *for this reason* God be unjust who sends punishment? (I speak as a man.)

6 No, in no wise: for then how shall God judge the world?

7 For if the truth of God has more abounded through my lie unto his glory, why even so am I also judged as a sinner?

8 And why not say (as we are slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do evil, that good may come? The condemnation of whom is just.

9 What then? Are we better *than they*? No, in no wise; for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles that they are all under sin;

10 as it is written, There is no one righteous, no, not one;

11 there is no one that understands; there is no one that seeks after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way; they are together become unprofitable; there is no one that does good, no, not one.

13 Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips,

14 whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness;

15 their feet *are* swift to shed blood;

16 destruction and misery *are* in their ways,

17 and the way of peace they have not known;

18 there is no fear of God before their eyes.

19 ¶ Now we know that all that the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may submit themselves unto God.

20 For by the deeds of the law, no flesh shall be justified in his sight; for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, without the law, the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets:

22 the righteousness, that is, of God by the faith of Jesus, the Christ, for all and upon all those that believe in him, for there is no difference;

23 for all have sinned and are made destitute of the glory of God,

24 *being* justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Jesus, the Christ,

25 whom God purposed for reconciliation through faith in his blood for the manifestation of his righteousness, for the remission of sins that are past, by the patience of God,

26 manifesting in this time his righteousness that he *only* be the just *one* and the justifier of him that is of the faith of Jesus.

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? No, but by *the* law of faith.

28 Therefore, we conclude that *a* man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

29 *Is he* the God of the Jews only? *Is he* not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also,

30 seeing *it is* one God who shall justify the circumcision by faith and *the* uncircumcision by faith.

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? No, in no wise; to the contrary, we establish the law.

Romans 4

1 ¶ What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, has found?

2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he has *reason* to glory *in himself*, but not before God.

3 For what does the scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

4 But unto him that works, the reward is not reckoned as grace, but as debt.

5 But to him that does not work, but believes in him that justifies the ungodly, the faith is counted as righteousness.

6 Even as David also describes the blessedness of the man unto whom God doth attribute righteousness without works,

7 *saying*, Blessed *are* those whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord does not impute sin.

9 ¶ Is this blessedness, therefore, only upon the circumcision or also upon the uncircumcision? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness.

10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

11 And he received the circumcision as *a* sign, as *a* seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had*, yet being uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all the uncircumcised believers, that it might be counted unto them also as righteousness,

12 that *he be* the father of the circumcision: not only to those who are of the circumcision, but also unto those who walk in the steps of the faith that was in our father Abraham before he was circumcised.

13 For the promise that he should be the heir of the world *was* not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For if those who are of the law *are* the heirs, faith is *in* vain, and the promise annulled,

15 because the law works wrath; for where there is no law, *there is* no rebellion either.

16 Therefore by faith, that *it might be* by grace, to the end the promise might be sure to all *the* seed, not only to that which is of the law, but also to that which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

17 ¶ as it is written, As a father of many Gentiles have I placed thee before God, whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which are not as those that are.

18 Who believed to wait against *all* hope, that he might become the father of many Gentiles, according to that which had been spoken *unto him*, So shall thy seed be.

19 And he did not weaken in faith: he considered not his own body now dead when he was about one hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb;

20 he doubted not the promise of God, with unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

21 being fully persuaded that he was also powerful to do all that he had promised;

22 therefore, *his faith* was also attributed unto him as righteousness.

23 ¶ Now it is not written for his sake alone that it was so reckoned to him,

24 but for us also to whom it shall be so reckoned, that is, to those that believe in him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 who was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification.

Romans 5

1 ¶ Justified therefore by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus, the Christ,

2 by whom we also have access by faith into this grace in which we stand and glory in hope of the glory *of the sons* of God.

3 And not only *this*, but we even glory in the tribulations, knowing that the tribulation works patience;

4 and patience, experience; and experience, hope;

5 and the hope shall not be ashamed, because the love of God is poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us.

6 ¶ For the Christ, when we were yet weak, in his time died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God increased the price of his charity toward us in that while we were yet sinners the Christ died for us.

9 Then much more now justified in his blood, we shall be saved from wrath by him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled with God by the death of his Son, much more, *now* reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 And not only this, but we even glory in God through our Lord Jesus, the Christ, by whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, in the manner which sin entered into the world by one man, and because of sin, death; and so death passed upon all men in the one in whom all sinned.

13 For until the law, sin was in the world; but the sin was not imputed, *there* being no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even in those that did not sin after the manner of the rebellion of Adam, who is a figure of him that was to come.

15 But not as the offense, so also *is* the gift. For if through the offense of *that* one many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of one man, Jesus the Christ, has abounded unto many.

16 Nor was it in the same manner as by one sin, likewise also the gift; for the judgment truly *came* of one *sin* unto condemnation, but grace *came* of many offenses unto justification.

17 For if by one offense, death reigned *because* of one *man*; much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of gifts and of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus the Christ.

18 Therefore, in the same manner that by the iniquity of one *guilt came* upon all men unto condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one, *grace came* upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound,

21 so that in the same manner as sin has reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus, the Christ, our Lord.

Romans 6

1 ¶ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

2 No, in no wise. How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not that all of us that are baptized into Jesus the Christ are baptized into his death?

4 For we are buried with him by baptism into death, that just as the Christ was raised up from the dead to the glory of the Father, likewise we also walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together *in him* in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection,

6 knowing this: that our old man is crucified with *him* that the body of sin might be destroyed that we should not serve sin any longer.

7 For he that is dead is justified from sin.

8 Now if we die with the Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him,

9 knowing that the Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more; death has no more dominion over him.

10 For *he* that is dead died unto sin once, and *he* that lives, lives unto God.

11 Likewise also reckon yourselves to be truly dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ, Jesus, our Lord.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but present yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 So that sin shall have no dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace? No, in no wise.

16 Or know ye not that to whom ye present yourselves slaves to obey, his slaves ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death or of the obedience unto righteousness?

17 Thank God that, although ye were the slaves of sin, ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine unto which ye are delivered;

18 and freed from sin, ye are become the slaves of righteousness.

19 I speak a human thing because of the weakness of our flesh: that as ye presented your members to serve uncleanness and iniquity unto iniquity, likewise now present your members to serve righteousness unto holiness.

20 For being *previously* the slaves of sin, *now* ye have been made the slaves of righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye then in those things of which ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.

22 But now freed from sin and made slaves to God, ye have as your fruit sanctification and as the end, everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin *is* death, but the grace of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 7

1 ¶ Know ye not, brethren (for I speak to those that know the law), that the law has dominion over a man *only* as long as he lives?

2 For the woman who is subject to a husband is obligated to the law so long as the husband lives; but if the husband dies, she is free from the law of the husband.

3 So then if, while *her* husband lives, she belongs to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law so that she is no adulteress if she belongs to another man.

4 Likewise ye also, my brethren, are become dead to the law in the body of the Christ that ye should belong to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

5 For while we were in the flesh, the affections of the sins which were by the law worked in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 But now we are free from the law of death in which we were held, that we might serve in newness of Spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

7 ¶ What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? No, in no wise. But, I did not know sin except by the law; for *neither* would I have known lust if the law did not say, Thou shalt not covet.

8 Then sin, when there was occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of lust. For without the law sin was as if it were dormant.

9 So that without the law I lived for some time; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

10 And I found that the *same* commandment, which was unto life, was mortal *unto me*.

11 For sin, having had occasion, deceived me by the commandment and by it killed *me*.

12 So the law is truly holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? No, in no wise. But sin, to show itself sin by that which is good, worked death in me, making sin exceedingly sinful by the commandment.

14 ¶ For we *now* know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold unto subjection by sin.

15 For that which I do, I do not understand, and not even the *good* that I desire *is what* I do; but what I hate, that *is what* I do.

16 If then I do that which I do not desire, I approve that the law *is* good.

17 So that it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells in me.

18 And I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwells no good thing; for I have the desire, but I am not able to perform that which is good.

19 For I do not do the good that I desire; but the evil which I do not desire, that I do.

20 And if I do that which I do not desire, I am not working, but sin that dwells in me.

21 So that, desiring to do good, I find *this* law: evil is natural unto me.

22 For I delight with the law of God with the inward man,

23 but I see another law in my members which rebels against the law of my mind, bringing me captive unto the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 The grace of God, by Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 8

1 ¶ So that now, *there is* no condemnation to those who are in Christ, Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ, Jesus, has made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For that which was impossible to the law, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh

4 that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

5 For those that are according to the flesh know the things that are of the flesh; but those that are according to the Spirit, the things that are of the Spirit.

6 For the prudence of the flesh *is* death, but the prudence of the Spirit, life and peace,

7 because the prudence of the flesh *is* enmity against God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, neither indeed can it.

8 So then, those that are carnal cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, because the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person is not of him.

10 ¶ But if Christ is in you, the body is truly dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* alive because of righteousness.

11 And if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he that raised up the Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwells in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

13 For if ye live according to the flesh, ye shall die; but if through the Spirit ye mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For all that are led by the Spirit of God, the same are sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of slavery to be in fear *again*, but ye have received the Spirit of adoption *of sons*, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 For the same Spirit bears witness unto our spirit that we are sons of God,
17 ¶ and if sons, also heirs certainly of God and joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with *him* that we may be also glorified together *with him*.

18 For I know with certainty that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the coming glory which shall be manifested in us.

19 For the *earnest* hope of the creatures waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.

20 For the creatures were subjected to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who has subjected them,

21 with the hope that the same creatures shall be delivered from the slavery of corruption into the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

22 For we *now* know that all the creatures groan *together* and travail in pain *together* until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *that is to say*, the redemption of our body.

24 For in hope we are saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man sees, he does not wait for.

25 But if we wait for that which we do not see, with patience we wait for *it*.

26 ¶ And likewise also the Spirit helps our weakness; for we know not how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself makes entreaty for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 But he that searches the hearts knows what is the desire of the Spirit, that according to *the will of* God, he makes entreaty for the saints.

28 And we *now* know that unto those who love God, all things help them unto good, to those who according to the purpose are called *to be saints*.

29 ¶ For *unto* those who he knew beforehand, he also marked out beforehand *the way* that they might be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 And unto those whom he did mark out beforehand *the way*, to these he also called; and to whom he called, these he also justified; and to whom he

justified, these he also glorified.

31 ¶ What shall we then say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *shall be* against us?

32 He that did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also give us all things with him?

33 Who shall accuse the chosen of God's? God *is* he that justifies *them*.

34 Who *is* he that condemns *them*? Christ, Jesus, is he who died *and*, even more, he that also rose again, who furthermore is at the right hand of God, who also makes entreaty for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the charity of Christ? *shall* tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

36 (As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.)

37 Nevertheless, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 Therefore I am certain that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come

39 nor height nor depth nor any creature shall be able to separate us from the charity of God, which is in Christ, Jesus our Lord.

Romans 9

1 ¶ I say the truth in Christ, I do not lie, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,
2 that I have great sorrow and continual pain in my heart.
3 For I could wish that myself were anathema from Christ for my brethren, those who are my kinsmen according to the flesh,
4 who are Israelites, to whom *pertains* the adoption *as sons* and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the law and the service *of God* and the promises,
5 whose *are* the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh is the Christ, who is God over all things, blessed for all the ages. Amen.
6 ¶ Not as though the word of God has been deficient. For not all the descendants of Israel are Israelites;
7 neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are all sons, but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.
8 That is, Those who *are* sons of the flesh, these *are* not the sons of God; but those who *are* sons of the promise *are* counted in the generation.
9 For the word of the promise *is* this, At this time I will come, and Sara shall have a son.
10 And not only *this*, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac
11 (for *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand: not of works, but of him that calls),
12 it was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.
13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.
14 ¶ What shall we say then? *Is there* injustice in God? No, in no wise.
15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.
16 So then *it is* not of him that wills, nor of him that runs, but of God that has mercy.

17 For the scripture saith of Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

18 Therefore he has mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and he hardens whom he will.

19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why does he become angry? For who shall resist his will?

20 Rather, O man, who art thou to reply against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Has not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour and another unto dishonour?

22 *What* if God, desiring to show *his* wrath and to make his power known, endured with much meekness the vessels of wrath, prepared for death,

23 and making known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he has prepared unto glory?

24 Even us, whom he has called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles!

25 ¶ As he saith also in Hosea, I will call them my people, who were not my people, and her beloved, who was not beloved.

26 And it shall come to pass *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people, there shall they be called sons of the living God.

27 Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel, Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant shall be saved;

28 when the consumption comes to an end, righteousness shall overflow, because a short sentence will the Lord execute upon the earth.

29 And as Isaiah said before, Except the Lord of the hosts had left us a seed, we had been as Sodom and been made like unto Gomorrha.

30 ¶ What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, who did not follow after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, that is to say, the righteousness which is by faith,

31 and Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

32 Why? Because *they followed it* not by faith but, as it were, by the works (of the law); therefore, they stumbled on the stumblingstone;

33 as it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock *that will cause some* to fall, and whosoever believes in him shall not be ashamed.

Romans 10

1 ¶ Brethren, certainly the desire of my heart and my prayer to God regarding Israel, is for saving health.

2 For I give testimony that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ *is* the end of the law, to *give* righteousness to every one that believes.

5 For Moses describes the righteousness which is by the law, That the man who does those things shall live by them.

6 But thus saith the righteousness which is by faith, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven (that is, to bring the Christ down *from above*)?

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep (that is, to bring up the Christ again from the dead)?

8 But what does it say? The word is near thee, *even* in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach,

9 that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto saving health.

11 For the scripture says, Whosoever believes on him shall not be ashamed.

12 ¶ For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach if they have not been sent? as it is written, How beautiful *are* the feet of those that announce the gospel of peace, of

those that announce the gospel of that which is good!

16 But not everyone hearkens unto the gospel. For Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed our report?

17 So then faith *comes* by hearing, and *the* ear *to hear* by the word of God.

18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their fame went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses says, I will provoke you unto jealousy with people that are not mine, *and* with ignorant people I will provoke you to anger.

20 But Isaiah is very bold and says, I was found by those that did not seek me; I manifested myself unto those that did not ask after me.

21 And against Israel he says, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

Romans 11

1 ¶ I say then, Has God cast away his people? No, in no wise. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God has not cast away his people whom he knew beforehand. Know ye not what the scripture says of Elijah? how speaking to God against Israel, he said,

3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets and ruined thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

4 But what did the answer of God say unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee before Baal.

5 Even so then at this present time also, there is a remnant by the gracious election *of God*.

6 And if by grace, then *is it* not by works; otherwise, the grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, then it is no longer grace; otherwise, the work is no longer work.

7 What then? Israel has not obtained that which he seeks after; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded

8 (according as it is written, God has given them the spirit of anguish, eyes with which they do not see and ears with which they do not hear) unto this day.

9 And David says, Let their table be turned into a snare and a net and a stumblingblock and a recompense unto them;

10 Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see, and bow down their back always.

11 I say then, Have they stumbled in such a manner that they should fall completely? No, in no wise; but *rather* through their fall, saving health *is come* unto the Gentiles to provoke them unto jealousy.

12 And if the fall of them is the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles, how much more *shall* their fullness *be*?

13 For (I call you Gentiles) inasmuch as I am truly the apostle of the Gentiles, my honorable ministry,

14 if in any manner I may provoke my nation to jealousy and cause some of them to be saved.

15 For if the casting away of them is the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving *of them be*, but life from the dead?

16 For if the firstfruit is holy, so *shall* the rest be; and if the root *is* holy, so *shall be* the branches.

17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them and hath been made participant of the root and of the fatness of the olive tree,

18 do not boast against the branches. But if thou boast, *know* that thou dost not bear the root, but the root thee.

19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.

20 Good; because of *their* unbelief they were broken off, but thou by faith art standing. Do not be highminded, but fear

21 that if God did not forgive the natural branches, neither shall he forgive thee.

22 Behold, therefore, the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity, but toward thee, goodness if thou continue in *his* goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

23 And even them, if they do not continue in unbelief, shall be grafted in, for God is powerful *enough* to graft them in again.

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree *which is* wild by nature and wert grafted contrary to nature into the good olive tree, how much more shall these, which are the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye ignore this mystery, that ye not be arrogant regarding yourselves: that blindness in part has happened in Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles are come in.

26 And even if all Israel were saved, as it is written: There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall take away the ungodliness from Jacob;

27 and this shall be my covenant unto them when I shall take away their sins.

28 So that, as concerning the gospel, *I have them for* enemies for your sakes; but as touching the election *of God*, they are beloved for the fathers'

sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

30 For as ye in time past have not obeyed God, yet have now obtained mercy through the occasion of their disobedience,

31 likewise these also have not believed now that through the mercy shown unto you they also may obtain mercy.

32 For God enclosed everyone in disobedience, that he might have mercy upon everyone.

33 ¶ O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How incomprehensible are his judgments and his ways past finding out!

34 For who has understood the intent of the Lord? or who has been his counsellor?

35 Or who has first given unto him, that it be recompensed unto him again?

36 For of him and by him and in him *are* all things. To him *be* the glory for *the* ages. Amen.

Romans 12

1 ¶ Therefore, I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies in living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing unto God, *which is* your rational worship.

2 And be not conformed to this age, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your soul that ye may experience what *is* that good and well pleasing and perfect will of God.

3 Therefore I say through the grace given unto me, to all those that are among you not to obtain more knowledge than is prudent to know, but to obtain knowledge with temperance, each one according to the measure of faith that God has dealt.

4 For in the manner that we have many members in one body, nevertheless all the members do not have the same operation;

5 likewise many of us are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 So that having different gifts according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, according to the measure of faith;

7 or ministry, in serving; or he that teaches, in doctrine;

8 he that exhorts, in exhortation; he that gives, *let him do it* in simplicity; he that presides, in earnest care; he that shows mercy, in cheerfulness.

9 *Let* love be without dissimulation, abhorring that which is evil, causing you to come unto that which is good;

10 loving one another with brotherly love, with honour preferring one another;

11 not slothful in earnest care, *but* fervent in *the* Spirit, serving the Lord,

12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, constant in prayer,

13 sharing for the needs of the saints, *and* given to hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you: bless, and do not curse.

15 Rejoice with those that rejoice and weep with those that weep.

16 *Be* unanimous among yourselves, not high minded, but accommodating the humble. Do not be wise in your *own* opinion.

17 Not repaying anyone evil for evil; procuring that which is good not only in the sight of God, but even in the sight of all men.

18 If it can be done, as much as *is possible* on your part, live in peace with all men.

19 Not defending yourselves, dearly beloved; but rather give place unto the wrath *of God*, for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore, if thine enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 13

1 ¶ Let every soul submit itself to the higher powers. For there is no power but of God, and the powers that be are ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resists the power, resists the ordinance of God, and those that resist shall receive condemnation to themselves.

3 For the magistrates are not a terror unto those who do good, but to the *doer of evil*. Is thy desire therefore to not fear the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same;

4 for he is *a* minister of God for thy good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain, for he is *a* minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that does evil.

5 Therefore it is necessary that ye be subject, not only for punishment, but also for conscience sake.

6 For this cause ye also pay *them* tribute, for they are God's ministers, attending continually to this very thing.

7 ¶ Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

8 Owe no one anything, but love one unto another; for he that loves *his* neighbour has fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not murder, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet, and if *there is* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Charity works no evil to a neighbour; therefore, charity is the fulfillment of the law.

11 ¶ And this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awaken ourselves out of sleep, for now *is* our saving health nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is past, and the day is come; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us clothe ourselves *with* the weapons of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But *be clothed with* the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not listen to the flesh, to *fulfil* its desires.

Romans 14

1 ¶ Bear *with* the one who is sick in the faith, *but* not unto doubtful discernment.

2 For one believes that he may eat all things; another, who is sick, eats vegetables.

3 Let not him that eats despise him that does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him that eats; for God has raised him up.

4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? By his *own* master he stands or falls; and *if he falls*, he shall be made to stand, for God is powerful to make him stand.

5 Also, some make a difference between one day and another; others esteem every day *alike*. Let each one be fully persuaded in his own soul.

6 He that observes the day, let him observe it unto the Lord; and he that does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe *it*. He that eats, eats unto the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he that does not eat, unto the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

7 For none of us live for ourselves, and no one dies for himself.

8 For if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ both died and rose *and revived*: to thus exercise lordship over the dead as well as over the living.

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou belittle thy brother? for we shall all stand before the tribunal of the Christ.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Let us, therefore, not judge one another any more, but judge this rather: that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

14 I know and trust in the Lord Jesus that for his sake there is nothing unclean, but to him that esteems any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

15 But if thy brother is grieved because of *thy* food, now thou dost not walk in charity. Do not destroy him with thy food, for whom Christ died.

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of;

17 for the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he that in these things serves the Christ *is* well pleasing unto God and approved of men.

19 Let us, therefore, follow after the things which make for peace and the edification of each one to the others.

20 Because of food, do not destroy the work of God. All things indeed *are* clean, but *it is* evil for that man who eats with offense.

21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine nor *do any thing* by which thy brother stumbles or is offended or is sick.

22 Thou hast faith; have *it* to thyself before God. Blessed *is* he that does not condemn himself with that thing which he allows.

23 And he that makes a difference is condemned if he eats, because *he* does not *eat* by faith; and whatsoever *is* not out of faith is sin.

Romans 15

1 ¶ We then that are stronger ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not please ourselves.

2 Let each one of us please *his* neighbour in *that which* is good, unto edification.

3 For the Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of those that reproached thee fell on me.

4 For the things that were written beforehand were written for our instruction that we, through patient *endurance* and through the comfort of the scriptures, might have hope.

5 ¶ Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be unanimous among yourselves according to Christ Jesus,

6 that ye may with one accord *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 ¶ Therefore bear one another, as the Christ also bore us, to the glory of God.

8 Now I say that Christ Jesus, was *a* minister of the circumcision, by the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the fathers;

9 but that the Gentiles glorify God by mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess thee among the Gentiles and sing unto thy name.

10 And again he says, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and magnify him, all the peoples.

12 And again, Isaiah says, There shall be a root of Jesse and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall wait *for salvation*.

13 ¶ And believing, the God of hope fills you with all joy and peace that ye may abound in hope by the virtue of the Holy Spirit.

14 ¶ But I am convinced regarding you, my brethren, that even without my exhortation ye are full of charity, full of all knowledge, so as to be able to admonish one another.

15 Nevertheless I have written, brethren, in part boldly, as admonishing you by the grace that is given *to me* of God,

16 being the minister of Jesus Christ, to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be well pleasing, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

17 ¶ Therefore I have something to boast of in Christ Jesus, with regard to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not wrought by me, unto the obedience of the Gentiles, with word and with deed,

19 with power of signs and wonders, in virtue of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem and round about unto Illyricum, I have filled the entire *area* with the gospel of the Christ.

20 And in this manner I preached this gospel, not where Christ had been named *previously*, not to build upon a foundation belonging to another,

21 but, as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see, and those that have not heard shall understand.

22 ¶ For which reason I have even been hindered many times from coming to you.

23 But now having more place in these parts and having a great desire these many years to come unto you,

24 when I leave for Spain, I will come unto you; for I trust to see you on my journey and to be taken there by you, if first I may enjoy your company.

25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

26 For it has pleased those of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints who are in Jerusalem.

27 It has pleased them verily, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, they should also minister unto them in carnal things.

28 So that, when I have concluded this and have delivered unto them this fruit, I will come by you unto Spain.

29 For I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of the Christ.

30 ¶ But I beseech you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the charity of the Spirit, that ye help me with prayers to God for me,

31 that I may be delivered from the disobedient in Judaea and that the offering of my service to the saints in Jerusalem may be accepted,

32 that I may come unto you with joy by the will of God and may be refreshed together with you.

33 Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

Romans 16

1 ¶ I commend unto you Phebe our sister, who is a servant of the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} which is at Cenchrea,

2 that ye receive her in the Lord as a worthy saint, and that ye assist her in whatever thing in which she has need of you, for she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus

4 (who have for my life laid down their own necks; unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of the Gentiles);

5 likewise *greet* the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia in Christ.

6 Greet Mary, who has laboured much with us.

7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen *and my fellowprisoners*, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

8 Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord.

9 Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.

10 Salute Apelles, approved in Christ. Salute those who are of Aristobulus' *household*.

11 Salute Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those that are of the *household* of Narcissus who are in the Lord.

12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, who laboured much in the Lord.

13 Salute Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

14 Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them.

15 Salute Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

16 Salute one another with a holy kiss. All the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of Christ salute you.

17 ¶ And I beseech you, brethren, mark those who cause dissensions and offences outside of the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them.

18 For they that are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly and by smooth words and blessings deceive the hearts of the simple.

19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all *places*. I am glad therefore on your behalf, but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good and innocent concerning evil.

20 And let the God of peace bruise Satan under your feet quickly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

21 ¶ Timothy my fellow worker and Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you.

22 I, Tertius, who wrote *this* epistle, salute you in the Lord.

23 Gaius my host, and of the whole *congregation*, {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} salutes you. Erastus, the chamberlain of the city, salutes you, and Quartus, a brother.

24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, *be* with you all. Amen.

25 ¶ Now to him that is able to confirm you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was concealed from times eternal

26 but now is made manifest, and by the writings of the prophets, by the commandment *of* God eternal, declared unto all the Gentiles, that they might *hear and* obey by faith,

27 to God, only wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

The First Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the
Corinthians

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1 Corinthians 1

1 ¶ Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes, *our* brother,

2 unto the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of God which is at Corinth, to those that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* holy, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

3 Grace *be* unto you and peace from God our Father and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always on your behalf for the grace of God which is given you in Christ Jesus,

5 that in every thing ye are enriched in him in all word and *in* all knowledge,

6 with which the testimony of the Christ was confirmed in you,

7 so that ye lack nothing in any gift, waiting for the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 who shall also confirm that *ye shall remain* unimpeachable unto the end, in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called into the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 ¶ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and *that* there be no divisions among you,

but *that* ye be perfect, joined together in the same understanding and in the same perception.

11 For it has been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by those *of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

12 In other words, that each one of you says, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ.

13 Is the Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of Paul?

14 ¶ I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius,

15 lest any should say that *ye were* baptized into my name.

16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas; besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

17 ¶ For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the *cross* {Gr. *stauros* – stake} of Christ should be made void.

18 For the word of the *cross* {Gr. *stauros* – stake} is foolishness to those that perish, but unto us who are saved, it is the power of God.

19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

20 Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the philosopher of this world? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For in the wisdom of God, since the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those that believe.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom,

23 but we preach Christ crucified, {Gr. *Stauroo* – hung on a stake} unto the Jews a stumblingblock and unto the Gentiles foolishness;

24 but unto those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ *is* the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

25 For that which is foolish of God is wiser than men, and that which is weak of God is stronger than men.

26 For look upon your vocation, brothers, that ye are not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble,

27 but rather God has chosen that which is the foolishness of the world to confound the wise, and God has chosen that which is the weakness of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

28 and that which is vile of the world and that which is despised God has chosen, and things which are not, to bring to nought the things that are,

29 that no flesh should glory in his presence.

30 But of him ye are *reborn* in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

31 that, according as it is written, He that glories, let him glory in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 2

1 ¶ And I, brothers, when I came to you, came not with puffed up speech or wisdom to declare unto you the testimony of God.

2 For I judged not to know anything among you, except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

5 that your faith should not be founded in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

6 ¶ For we speak perfect wisdom of God, and not the wisdom of this age nor of the princes of this age, that come to nought,

7 but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages unto our glory,

8 which none of the princes of this age knew (for had they known *it*, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory).

9 But as it is written, That which eye has not seen nor ear heard neither has entered into the heart of man *is* that which God has prepared for those that love him.

10 But God has revealed *this* unto us by his Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

11 For who among men knows the things of man, except the spirit of man which is in him? Even so no one has known the things of God, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that God has given us.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but with doctrine of the Holy Spirit, jointly fitting spiritual things by spiritual *means*.

14 But the natural man does not perceive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he understand *them* because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual discerns all things, yet he is discerned by no one.

16 For who has known the understanding of the Lord? Who has instructed him? But we have the understanding of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3

1 ¶ And I, brothers, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ.

2 I have fed you with milk, and not with *solid* food, for until now ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying and strife and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men?

4 For while one says, I am of Paul, and another, I *am* of Apollos, are ye not carnal?

5 ¶ Who then is Paul? and who *is* Apollos? but servants by whom ye believed, each one according *to that which* the Lord gave.

6 I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters, but God that gives the increase.

8 Now he that plants and he that waters are one although each one shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds upon it. But let each one see how the building is built.

11 ¶ For no one can lay another foundation than that laid, which is Jesus the Christ.

12 Now if anyone builds upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble,

13 the work of each one shall be made manifest, for the day shall declare it because it shall be revealed by fire; the work of each one, whatever sort it is, the fire shall put it to test.

14 If the work of anyone abides which he has built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire.

16 ¶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God shall destroy that one; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

18 ¶ Let no one deceive *himself*. If any one among you seems to be wise in this age, let them become a fool that they may be wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He takes the wise in their own craftiness.

20 And again, The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

21 ¶ Therefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours;

22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come, all are yours;

23 and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

1 Corinthians 4

1 ¶ Let us reckon men as ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover, it is required in stewards that each one be found faithful.

3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by man's judgment; I do not even judge my own self.

4 For although I have nothing on my conscience, yet am I not hereby justified, but he that judges me is the Lord.

5 Therefore, judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall each one have praise of God.

6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes, that in us ye might not learn above that which is written, lest because of one, some of you become puffed up against others.

7 ¶ For who makes thee to judge? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it*, what dost thou glory of, as if thou hadst not received *it*?

8 Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye reign as kings without us, and I wish ye did reign, that we also might reign with you.

9 For I think that God has set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death; for we are made a spectacle unto the world and to angels and to men.

10 We *are* fools for Christ's sake, but ye *are* prudent in Christ; we *are* weak, but ye *are* strong; ye *are* honourable, but we *are* despised.

11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger and thirst and are ill clad and are buffeted and have no certain dwelling place

12 and labour, working with our own hands; being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it;

13 being blasphemed, we intreat; we are made as the filth of this world *and are* the offscouring of all things unto this day.

14 ¶ I do not write these things to shame you, but *to* warn you, as to my beloved sons.

15 For though ye may have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet ye *shall* not *have* many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

16 Therefore, I beseech you that ye imitate me.

17 ¶ For this cause I have sent Timothy unto you, who is my beloved son and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which are in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every *congregation*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

18 Now some are puffed up as though I will never come to you.

19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and will know not the words of those who are puffed up, but the virtue.

20 For the kingdom of God *is* not in words, but in virtue.

21 What will ye? Shall I come unto you with a rod or in charity and *in* the spirit of meekness?

1 Corinthians 5

1 ¶ It is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

2 And ye are puffed up and have not rather mourned, that he that has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, him that has so done this deed.

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 let such a one be delivered unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

7 ¶ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us;

8 therefore let us celebrate the feast, not in the old leaven, neither in the leaven of malice and wickedness, but in the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

9 ¶ I wrote unto you in an epistle not to associate with fornicators,

10 yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world or with the covetous or extortioners or with idolaters, for then ye would need to go out of the world.

11 But now I have written unto you not to associate with anyone calling himself a brother if he is a fornicator or covetous or an idolater or a railer or a drunkard or an extortioner; with such a one do not even eat.

12 For why shall I judge those that are without? do ye not judge those that are within?

13 But those that are without, God shall judge. Therefore, put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

1 Corinthians 6

1 ¶ Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go unto judgment before the unjust, and not before the saints?

2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more *the* things that pertain to this life?

4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set as judges the most humble who are in the *congregation*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brothers?

6 But brother goes to judgment against brother, and that before the unbelievers.

7 Now therefore there is certainly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather suffer *the* wrong? why do ye not rather be defrauded?

8 But ye do wrong and defraud and *do* this to *your* brothers.

9 ¶ Know ye not that the unjust shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not err: neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor effeminate nor homosexuals

10 nor thieves nor covetous nor drunkards nor revilers nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you, but *now* ye are washed, but *now* ye are sanctified, but *now* ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and in the Spirit of our God.

12 ¶ All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

13 Foods *are* for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

14 And God, who raised up the Lord, will also raise up us by his own power.

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* the members of a harlot? In no wise.

16 What? know ye not that he who is joined to the harlot is one body *with her*? For they shall be, saith he, two in one flesh.

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Any *other* sin that a man does is outside the body, but he that commits fornication sins against his own body.

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom ye have of God, and that ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 7

1 ¶ Now concerning the things of which ye wrote unto me: *It is good* for a man not to touch a woman.

2 Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every *man* have his own wife, and let every *woman* have her own husband.

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence, and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

4 The wife does not have authority of her own body, but the husband; and likewise also the husband does not have authority of his own body, but the wife.

5 Do not defraud one another, except *it be* with *mutual* consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer and come together again, that Satan not tempt you for your incontinency.

6 But I speak this by permission, *and* not by commandment.

7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one after this manner and another after that.

8 I say, therefore, to the unmarried *men* and widowers, It is good for them if they abide even as I.

9 But if they do not have *the gift of* continence, let them marry, for it is better to marry than to burn.

10 ¶ And unto the married I command, *yet* not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife separate from *her* husband;

11 and if she separates, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to *her* husband, and let not the husband put away *his* wife.

12 But to the rest I speak, not the Lord: If any brother has a wife that does not believe, and she consents to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

13 And the woman who has a husband that does not believe and if he consents to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.

15 But if the unbelieving *spouse* separates, let them separate. The brother or the sister is not under slavery in such *cases*, but God has called us to peace.

16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save *thy* husband? or what knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save *thy* wife?

17 ¶ But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let them walk. And so I ordain in all the *congregations*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

18 Is anyone called being circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Is anyone called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised.

19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing but the keeping of the commandments of God.

20 Let each abide in the same calling in which he was called.

21 Art thou called *being* a slave? care not for it; but if thou may be made free, use *it* rather.

22 For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a slave, is the Lord's freeman; likewise also he that is called, *being* free, is Christ's slave.

23 Ye are bought with a price; do not make yourselves the slaves of men.

24 Each one, brothers, in that *state* in which he was called, let him abide with God.

25 ¶ Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord, yet I give my advice, as one that has obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

26 I hold, therefore, this to be good because of the present distress, that *it is* good for a man to be thus:

27 Art thou bound unto a wife? Seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? Seek not a wife.

28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have affliction in the flesh, but I forbear you.

29 But this I say, brothers, the time *is* short; for the rest, let those that have wives be as though they had none;

30 and those that weep, as though they wept not; and those that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and those that buy, as though they possessed not;

31 and those that use this world, as not using *it as their own*, for the fashion of this world passes away.

32 But I would have you without worry. He that is unmarried cares for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord;

33 but he that is married cares for the things that are of the world, how he may please *his* wife.

34 There is *a* difference *also* between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried *woman* cares for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit; but she that is married cares for the things of the world, how she may please *her* husband.

35 And this I speak for your own profit, not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is honourable and that ye may attend upon the Lord without impediment.

36 ¶ But if anyone thinks it uncomely regarding his daughter, if she passes the bloom of life, and need so requires, let him do what he will, he does not sin: let them marry.

37 Nevertheless, he that stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has liberty regarding his own, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his daughter, does well.

38 So then he that gives *her* in marriage does well, but he that does not give *her* in marriage does better.

39 ¶ The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is free *and may* be married to whom she will, if it is in the Lord.

40 But she shall be more blessed if she so abides, after my counsel, and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 8

1 ¶ Now as concerning things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but charity edifies.

2 And if anyone thinks that they know anything, they know nothing yet as they ought to know.

3 But if anyone loves God, the same is known of him.

4 ¶ As concerning, therefore, the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* no other God but one.

5 For though there are *some* that are called gods, whether in heaven or in the earth (as there are many gods and many lords),

6 but to us *there is but* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him.

7 ¶ Howbeit *there is* not in everyone that knowledge, for some with conscience of the idol unto now, eat *it* as a thing offered unto an idol, and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But food does not make us more acceptable unto God; for neither if we eat are we the better, neither if we eat not are we the worse.

9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours becomes a stumblingblock to those that are weak.

10 For if anyone sees thee who hast *this* knowledge sit at food in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols?

11 and through thy knowledge the weak brother shall perish, for whom Christ died.

12 In this manner, therefore, sinning against the brethren and wounding their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13 Therefore, if food makes my brother to fall, I will never eat flesh nor do *anything* which *may cause* my brother to fall.

1 Corinthians 9

1 ¶ Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are not ye my work in the Lord?

2 If I am not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

3 ¶ My answer to those that examine me is this,

4 Do we not have authority to eat and to drink?

5 Do we not have authority to bring with us a sister, a wife, as also the other apostles and *as* the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?

6 Do only Barnabas and I not have authority to forbear working?

7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? or who feeds a flock and does not eat of the milk of the flock?

8 Do I say this *only* according to men? or does not the law say the same also?

9 For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treads out the grain. Does God take care for oxen?

10 Or does he say *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written: that he that plows should plow in hope, and that he that threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap material things from you?

12 If others are partakers of *this* authority over you, why not us? Nevertheless we have not used this authority, but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

13 Do ye not know that those who work with sacred *things* live *of the things* of the sanctuary? and those who serve at the altar partake of the altar?

14 Even so the Lord has ordained that those who preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

15 ¶ But I have used none of these things, neither have I written these things that it should be so done unto me; for *it were* better for me to die than that anyone should make this my glory void.

16 For though I preach the gospel, I have no reason to glory, for it is an obligation laid upon me; for woe is me, if I do not preach the gospel!

17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, the stewardship *of the gospel* is committed unto me.

18 What reward, then, shall I have? That preaching the gospel, I may make the gospel of the Christ without charge, that I abuse not my authority in the gospel.

19 ¶ Therefore, though I am free regarding everyone, yet I have made myself slave unto all, that I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to those that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain those that are under the law;

21 to those that are without law, as without law (being not without law of God, but under the law of Christ), that I might gain those that are without law.

22 To the weak I became as weak, that I might gain the weak; I am made all things to everyone, that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker together of it.

24 ¶ Know ye not that those who run in a race indeed all run, but one receives the prize? So run, that ye may obtain *it*.

25 And every man that strives for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown, but we, an incorruptible *one*.

26 I therefore so run, not as unto an uncertain thing; so I fight, not as one that beats the air;

27 but I keep my body under, and bring *it* into subjection, lest preaching to others, I myself should become reprobate.

1 Corinthians 10

1 ¶ Moreover, brothers, I would that ye not ignore how our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea

2 and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea

3 and did all eat the same spiritual food

4 and did all drink the same spiritual drink, for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was the Christ.

5 But with many of them God was not pleased; therefore, they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 ¶ Now these things became types of us, that we should not lust after evil things as they lusted.

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed and fell *dead*: in one day, twenty-three thousand.

9 Neither let us tempt the Christ, as some of them also tempted and perished by the serpents.

10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured and perished by the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened unto them as types, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come.

12 Therefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above what ye are able but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

14 Therefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

15 ¶ I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not *the* fellowship of the blood of the Christ? The bread which we break, is it not *the* fellowship of the body of the Christ?

17 For one loaf *of bread means* that many are one body, for we are all partakers of that one loaf.

18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not those who eat of the sacrifices participants of the altar?

19 What do I say then? that the idol is anything or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is anything?

20 But I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I would not that ye should be participants of demons.

21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; ye cannot be participants of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.

22 Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

23 ¶ All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but all things do not edify.

24 Let no one seek his own *good*, but that of the other.

25 Whatever is sold in the market, *that* eat, asking no question for conscience sake;

26 for the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

27 If any of those that do not believe bid you *to a feast*, and ye are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you asking no questions for conscience sake.

28 But if anyone says unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, do not eat *it* for the sake of him that disclosed it and for conscience sake; for the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof:

29 conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other, for why should my liberty *be* judged by another *man's* conscience?

30 For if I by grace am a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

31 Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatever ye do, do everything for the glory of God.

32 Be without offense, neither to the Jews nor to the Gentiles nor to the *congregation* {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} of God;

33 even as I please everyone in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

1 Corinthians 11

1 ¶ Be ye imitators of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

2 Now I praise you, brothers, that ye remember me in all things and retain my instructions the same as I spoke unto you.

3 But I would have you know that the head of every man is the Christ, and the head of the woman *is* the man, and the head of Christ *is* God.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonours his head.

5 But every woman that prays or prophesies with *her* head uncovered dishonours her head, for that is even the same as if she were shaven.

6 For if the woman is not covered, let her also be shorn; but if it is a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of the man.

8 For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man.

9 Neither was the man created for the woman, but the woman for the man.

10 For this cause the woman ought to have authority over her head: because of the angels.

11 Nevertheless, neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

12 For as the woman *is* of the man, even so *is* the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

13 Judge in yourselves: is it honest that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man lets *his* hair grow, it is dishonest?

15 But if a woman lets *her* hair grow, it is a glory to her; for *her* hair is given her for a covering.

16 With all this, if anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of God.

17 ¶ Now in this that I declare *unto you* I praise *you* not: that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.

18 For first of all, when ye come together in the *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} I hear that there are divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

19 For it is expedient that there also be heresies among you, so that those who are proved may become manifest among you.

20 So that when ye come together in one *place*, *this* is not eating the Lord's supper.

21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper first: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

22 What? Do ye not have houses to eat and to drink in? or do ye despise the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of God and shame those that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise *you* not.

23 ¶ For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread;

24 and when he had given thanks, he broke *it* and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, after he had eaten supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; do this each time that ye drink, in remembrance of me.

26 For each time that ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye declare the Lord's death until he comes.

27 Therefore whoever shall eat this bread and drink *this* cup of the Lord unworthily shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let each man prove himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

29 For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would examine ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But being judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33 Therefore, my brothers, when ye come together to eat, wait for one another.

34 And if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home; that ye not come together unto judgment. And I will set the rest in order when I come.

1 Corinthians 12

1 ¶ Now regarding spiritual things, brothers, I would not have you ignore *them*.

2 Ye know that when ye were Gentiles, ye went, even as ye were led, unto the dumb idols.

3 Therefore I give you to understand, that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus anathema and *that* no one can call Jesus Lord but by *the* Holy Spirit.

4 Now there is dispersal of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there is dispersal of ministries, but the same Lord.

6 And there is dispersal of operations, but it is the same God who works all in each one.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one to profit with.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit a word of wisdom; to another, a word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

9 to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 to another, *the* operation of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, discerning of spirits; to another, *different* kinds of tongues; to another, the interpretation of tongues:

11 one and the same Spirit operates all these things, dispersing to each one his own *gift* as he wills.

12 ¶ For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also the Christ.

13 For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether *we are* Jews or Greeks, whether *we are* slaves or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body, is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body, is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would* the hearing *be*? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would* the smelling *be*?

18 But now God has set the members each one of them in the body, as it has pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member, where *would* the body *be*?

20 But now *they are* indeed many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 For those members of the body, which seem to be weaker, are much more necessary;

23 and those *members* of the body which we think to be more vile, these we dress with more abundant honour; and those in us who are *more* indecent have more honesty.

24 For those in us who are more honest need nothing, but God has ordered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *one* which lacked,

25 that there should be no contradiction in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer together; or if one member is honoured, all the members rejoice together.

27 ¶ Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular.

28 And God did set certain *ones* in the *congregation*: {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that faculties, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *do* all *have* faculties?

30 Do all have gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

31 But earnestly pursue the best gifts, and yet I show unto you a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 13

1 ¶ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor* and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profits me nothing.

4 ¶ Charity suffers long *and* is benign; charity envies not; charity does *nothing* without due reason, is not puffed up,

5 is not injurious, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil,

6 rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 ¶ Charity is never lost, but prophecies shall come to an end, tongues shall cease, and knowledge shall come to an end.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see as through a mirror, in darkness, but then *we shall see* face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know even as I also am known.

13 And now abide faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

1 Corinthians 14

1 ¶ Follow after charity and earnestly pursue spiritual *gifts*, but above all, that ye may prophesy.

2 For he that speaks in an *unknown* tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God, for no one understands *him*, even though by the Spirit he speaks mysteries.

3 But he that prophesies speaks unto men *for* edification and exhortation and comfort.

4 He that speaks in an *unknown* tongue edifies himself, but he that prophesies edifies the *congregation*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

5 I would that ye all spoke with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied, for greater *is* he that prophesies than he that speaks with tongues, unless he interprets, that the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} may receive edifying.

6 ¶ Now, brothers, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either with revelation or with knowledge or with prophecy or with doctrine?

7 And even things without life giving sound, whether flute or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is played or harped?

8 For if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue a clear and definite word, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

10 There are many kinds of distinct voices in the world, and nothing *is* dumb.

11 Therefore, if I ignore the virtue of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaks *as* a barbarian, and he that speaks *shall be* a barbarian unto me.

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye desire *the things* of *the* Spirit, earnestly pursue excellence unto the edification of the *congregation*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

13 Therefore, let him that speaks in an *unknown* tongue pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 ¶ What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupies the place of the ignorant say, Amen, at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understands not what thou sayest?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all;

19 yet in the *congregation* {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an *unknown* tongue.

20 Brothers, be not children in understanding, howbeit in malice be ye children; but in understanding be perfect.

21 ¶ In the law it is written, In other tongues and with other lips I will speak unto this people; and yet for all that, they will not hear me, saith the Lord.

22 Therefore, tongues are for a sign, not to those that believe, but to those that do not believe; but prophecy is not for those that do not believe, but for those who believe.

23 If, therefore, the whole *congregation* {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} is come together into one place and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that does not believe or *one* unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all;

25 for the secrets of his heart are made manifest; and so falling down on *his* face, he will worship God, declaring that God is indeed in you.

26 ¶ How is it then, brothers? when ye come together, each one of you has a psalm, has doctrine, has tongues, has revelation, has interpretation. Let all things be done unto edification.

27 If anyone speaks in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by* three, and *that* by course; and let one interpret.

28 But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silence in the *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} and let him speak to himself and to God.

29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the others judge.

30 If *any thing* is revealed to another that sits by, let the first be silent.

31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be exhorted.

32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

33 For God is not *the God* of disorder, but of peace, as in all the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of the saints.

34 ¶ Let your women keep silence in the *congregations*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be in subjection, as also saith the law.

35 And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home, for it is a dishonest thing for women to speak in *the congregation*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

36 ¶ What? Did the word of God come out from you? or did it come unto you only?

37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

38 But anyone that ignores *them* shall be ignored.

39 Therefore, brothers, earnestly pursue prophecy and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

40 But let all things be done decently and in order.

1 Corinthians 15

1 ¶ Moreover, brothers, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received and in which ye stand;

2 by which also ye are being saved if ye retain the word that I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received: how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures

4 and that he was buried and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures

5 and that he appeared to Cephas and then to the twelve;

6 after that, he appeared unto more than five hundred brothers at once, of whom the greater part remain unto now, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he appeared unto James; then to all the apostles.

8 And last of all he appeared unto me also, as of one born out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, for I am not worthy to be called an apostle because I persecuted the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and his grace towards me was not in vain, for I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

11 Therefore, whether *it were* I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

12 ¶ Now if *the* Christ is preached that rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither is Christ risen;

14 and if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* vain, and your faith *is* also vain.

15 And we are even found false witnesses of God because we have testified of God that he raised up the Christ, whom he did not raise up, if *it* so be that the dead do not rise.

16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not raised either;

17 and if Christ is not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are even yet in your sins.

18 Then those also who are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19 If in this life only we have existence in Christ, we are the most miserable of all men.

20 ¶ But now Christ is risen from the dead *and* become the firstfruits of those that slept.

21 For since by a man *came* death, by a man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in the Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward, those that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then *comes* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father, when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign until he has put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

27 For he has put all things under his feet. But when he says all things are put under *him*, *it is* clear that he is excepted, who did put all things under him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also subject himself unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

29 Else what shall they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

30 And why do we stand in jeopardy every hour?

31 I die daily to stay in the glory of having taught you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord.

32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what does it advantage me, if the dead do not rise? let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die.

33 Be not deceived: evil companions corrupt good character.

34 Watch diligently, and sin not; for some do not know God: I speak *this* to your shame.

35 ¶ But someone will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

36 *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not brought to life, unless it dies *first*;

37 and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but bare grain: it may be of wheat or of some other *grain*;

38 but God gives it a body as it has pleased him, and to each seed its own body.

39 All flesh *is* not the same flesh, but *there is one kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.

40 *There are* also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the heavenly glory *is one thing*, and the earthly *glory is* another.

41 One *thing is the* glory of the sun, and another *the* glory of the moon, and another *the* glory of the stars; for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory.

42 So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it shall be raised in incorruption;

43 it is sown in dishonour, it shall be raised with glory; it is sown in weakness, it shall be raised with power;

44 it is sown a natural body, it shall be raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a life-giving Spirit.

46 Howbeit the spiritual is not first, but the natural; and afterward, that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man *is* the Lord of heaven.

48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* those also that are earthy; and as *is* the heavenly, such also *are* those that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 ¶ Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall all indeed be raised, but we shall not all be changed;

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet, for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised without corruption, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the word that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O Hades, where *is* thy victory?

56 The sting of death *is* sin, and the power of sin *is* the law.

57 But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 ¶ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 16

1 ¶ Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of Galatia, do ye likewise.

2 Each first sabbath let each one of you set aside in store, as *God* has prospered him, that there be no collections when I come.

3 And when I come, whomever ye shall approve by *your* letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

4 And if it is appropriate that I go also, they shall go with me.

5 ¶ Now I will come unto you, when I have passed through Macedonia, for I must pass through Macedonia.

6 And it may be that I will abide and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey wherever I go.

7 For I desire not to see you now in passing, but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permits.

8 But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

9 For a great and effectual door is opened unto me, and *there are* many adversaries.

10 ¶ Now if Timothy comes, see that he may stay with you securely, for he does the work of the Lord, as I also *do*.

11 Let no man therefore despise him, but conduct him forth in peace that he may come unto me, for I look for him with the brothers.

12 As touching *our* brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with *some of* the brothers, but his will was not at all to come at this time, but he will come when he shall have opportunity.

13 ¶ Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

14 Let all your things be done with charity.

15 I beseech you, brethren (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia and *that* they have dedicated themselves to the ministry of the saints),

16 that ye submit yourselves unto such and to each one that helps and labours.

17 I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, for they have filled your absence.

18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours; therefore, acknowledge ye those that are such.

19 ¶ The *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} that is in their house.

20 All the brothers greet you. Greet ye one another with a holy kiss.

21 The salutation of *me*, Paul, *is* with my own hand.

22 If any man does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema. Our Lord has come.

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you.

24 My charity in Christ Jesus be with you all. Amen.

The Second Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the
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2 Corinthians 1

1 ¶ Paul, apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, unto the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia:

2 Grace *be* to you and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ¶ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 For in the *same* manner that the sufferings of the Christ abound in us, so also our consolation abounds by Christ.

6 And if we are afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and saving health, which is effected in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; or if we are comforted, *it is* for your consolation and saving health.

7 ¶ And our hope of you *is* steadfast, being certain, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall ye be* also of the consolation.

8 Because, brothers, we would not have you ignore our tribulation which was done unto us in Asia, that we were burdened beyond our strength, in such a manner that we despaired even of life:

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

10 who delivered us from so great a death and does deliver; in whom we trust that he will yet deliver *us*;

11 ye also helping us with prayer, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons, thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

12 ¶ For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with carnal wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world and more abundantly towards you.

13 For we write no other things unto you than what ye read or also know, and I trust ye shall know them even to the end

14 as also ye have known in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also *are* ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

15 ¶ And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before that ye might have a second grace

16 and to pass by you into Macedonia and to come again out of Macedonia unto you and of you to be sent forward to Judaea.

17 When I, therefore, was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that of me there should be yes, yes, and no, no?

18 But God *is* faithful that our word toward you has not been yes and no.

19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, *even* by me and Silvanus and Timothy, has not been yes and no, but in him was yes.

20 For all the promises of God *are* yes in him, and in him Amen, by us for the glory of God.

21 Now he who confirms us with you unto Christ and has anointed us *is* God;

22 who has also sealed us and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

23 Moreover I call God for a witness upon my soul that I have not yet come unto Corinth to spare you.

24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy, for by faith ye stand.

2 Corinthians 2

1 ¶ But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in grief.

2 For if I make you grieve, who is he then that shall make me glad, but the same who is grieved by me?

3 And I wrote this same unto you, lest when I came, I should have grief from those of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is *the joy* of you all.

4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know how much more charity I have towards you.

5 ¶ But if any have caused *me* grief, he has not grieved me, but in part, that I may not put a burden on you all.

6 Sufficient to such a one *is* this reprehension, which *was inflicted* of many.

7 So that contrariwise ye *ought* rather to forgive *him* and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with too much grief.

8 Therefore I beseech you that ye would confirm *your* charity toward him.

9 For to this end also I wrote, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye are obedient in all things.

10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also; for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *I forgave it* in the person of Christ,

11 lest Satan should deceive us, for we do not ignore his devices.

12 ¶ Having come to Troas for the gospel of the Christ, even though *a* door was opened unto me in the Lord,

13 I had no rest in my spirit because I did not find Titus my brother, but taking my leave of them, I went from there into Macedonia.

14 Now thanks *be* unto God, who always causes us to triumph in the Christ and makes manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in those that are saved and in those that perish;

16 to the one *we are* the savour of death unto death and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who *is* sufficient for these things?

17 For we are not as many, false merchandisers of the word of God, but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

2 Corinthians 3

1 ¶ Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or do we need, as some *others*, epistles of commendation to you or *letters* of commendation from you?

2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

4 And such trust we have through the Christ towards God:

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* of God,

6 ¶ who also has made us able ministers of the new testament, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7 But if the ministry of death in the letter engraved in stones was glorious, so that the sons of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance which *glory* was to fade away,

8 How shall not the ministry of the Spirit be for greater glory?

9 For if the ministry of condemnation *had* glory, much more shall the ministry of righteousness abound in glory.

10 For even that which was so glorious had no glory in this respect, in comparison with the glory that excels.

11 For if that which fades away *was* glorious, much more shall that which remains *be* glorious.

12 ¶ Seeing then that we have such hope, we speak with great confidence,

13 And not as Moses, *who* put a veil over his face, that the sons of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that *glory* which was to fade away:

14 (And thus their senses became hardened, for until this day remains the same veil not uncovered in the reading of the old testament, which *veil* is taken away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless when they convert to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.)

17 For the Lord is the Spirit, and where that Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

18 Therefore we all, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord with uncovered face, are transformed from glory to glory into the same likeness, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4

1 ¶ Therefore seeing we have this ministry, according to the mercy we have received, we fault not,

2 but remove *from ourselves* every hidden shameful thing, not walking in craftiness, nor adulterating the word of God, but in the manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But if our gospel is hid, it is hid to those that are lost,

4 In whom the god of this age has blinded the understanding of those who do not believe, that the light of the gospel of the glory of the Christ, who is the image of God, should not shine *in* them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your slaves for Jesus' sake.

6 For the God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts to *bring forth* the light of the knowledge of the clarity of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in clay vessels that the excellency of the virtue may be of God, and not of us.

8 ¶ *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are unsure *of our lives*, but not in despair;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10 always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11 For we who live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death works in us, but life in you.

13 We having the same Spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed and, therefore, I have spoken; we also believe and, therefore, speak;

14 knowing that he who raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise us up also by Jesus and shall present *us* with you.

15 For *we suffer* all these things for your sakes that the grace abounding through many *may* in the thanksgiving redound to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we fault not; but though our outward man is wearing out, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.

17 For our tribulation, which is momentary and light, prepares an exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory unto us;

18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen *are* temporal, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

2 Corinthians 5

1 ¶ For we know that if the earthly house of this our habitation were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven,

3 if so be that we shall be found clothed and not naked.

4 For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened, for we do not desire to be unclothed, but to be clothed upon with life swallowing up that which is mortal.

5 Now he that has made us for this same thing *is* God, who has likewise given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

6 Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord

7 (for we walk by faith, not by sight).

8 We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

9 Therefore we also procure, whether present or absent, that we may please him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that each one may receive according to that which they have done in the body, good or evil.

11 Therefore being certain of that terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God, and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

12 ¶ For we do not commend ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf that ye may have something to *answer* those who glory in appearance, and not in heart.

13 For whether we are fools, *it is* unto God; or whether we are sane, *it is* for your cause.

14 For the charity of the Christ constrains us because we judge thus: that if one died for all, then all are dead:

15 And *that* he died for all that those who live should not live from now on unto themselves, but unto him who died and rose again for them.

16 ¶ Therefore from now on we know no one according to the flesh: and even if we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *him* no longer.

17 Therefore if anyone *is* in Christ, *they are* a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are made new.

18 And all this by God, who reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 for certainly God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them and having placed in us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did exhort *you* by us; we beseech *you* in Christ's name, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he has made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 6

1 ¶ We then, *as workers together with him*, exhort *you* also that ye have not received the grace of God in vain.

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in an acceptable time, and in the day of saving health I have succoured thee; behold, now *is* the acceptable time; behold, now *is* the day of saving health.)

3 Giving no offense in anything, that the ministry not be blamed,

4 But in all *things* showing ourselves as the ministers of God in much patience, in tribulations, in necessities, in distresses,

5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings,

6 in chastity, in knowledge, in meekness, in kindness, in *the* Holy Spirit, in unfeigned charity,

7 in the word of truth, in the power of God through the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8 through honour and dishonour, through evil report and good report; as deceivers, and *yet* as men of the truth;

9 as unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, but, behold, we live; as chastened, but not killed;

10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

11 ¶ O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.

12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.

13 Now for a recompense in the same (I speak as unto *my* children), be ye also enlarged.

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship does righteousness have with unrighteousness? and what communion does light have with darkness?

15 And what concord does Christ have with Belial? or what part do the faithful have with the unfaithful?

16 And what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God has said, I will dwell in them and walk

in *them* and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Therefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and do not touch the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you

18 and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2 Corinthians 7

1 ¶ Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.

3 I speak *this* not to condemn *you*, for I have said before that ye are in our hearts to die and live together with *us*.

4 Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my glorying of you; I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

5 ¶ For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears.

6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the humble, comforted us by the coming of Titus;

7 and not by his coming only, but by the consolation with which he was comforted in you when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me so that I rejoiced the more.

8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent; for I perceive that the same epistle has made you sorry, though *it were* but for a season.

9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance; for ye were made sorry by God that ye might suffer no loss by us.

10 For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation, of which there is no need to repent; but the sorrow of the world works death.

11 For behold this same thing, that *when* ye were made sorry by God, what carefulness it wrought in you, *what* clearing of yourselves, *what* indignation, *what* fear, *what* vehement desire, *what* zeal, *what* vindication! In all *things* ye have shown yourselves to be clean in this matter.

12 ¶ So that, though I wrote unto you, *I did it* not *only* for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.

13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort; yea, and we rejoiced even more exceedingly for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.

14 For if I have gloried of anything to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our glorying, which *I made* before Titus, was found true.

15 And his inward affection is more abundant toward you while he remembers the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.

16 I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all *things*.

2 Corinthians 8

1 ¶ Likewise, brethren, we make known unto you the grace of God bestowed on the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of Macedonia,

2 how that in a great trial of tribulation the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

3 For to *their* power, I bear record, and even beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves,

4 praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the grace and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministry to the saints.

5 And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord and *then* unto us by the will of God.

6 Insomuch that we exhorted Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete the same grace among you.

7 ¶ Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing*, in faith and in word and in knowledge and in all diligence and in your love to us, *see* that ye abound in this grace also.

8 I speak not as commanding, but by occasion of the diligence of others and to prove the sincerity of your charity.

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor that ye through his poverty might be enriched.

10 And in this I give *my* advice, for this is expedient for you, who began not only to do, but also to be diligent a year ago.

11 Now therefore finish the doing *of it* that as *there was* a readiness to will, so *there may* also *be* a performance out of that which ye have.

12 For if there is first a willing desire, *it is* accepted according to what a person has *and* not according to what they do not have.

13 For *I mean* not that others be eased and ye burdened,

14 but by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may be a supply* for their want that their abundance also may be *a supply* for your want, that there may be equality:

15 As it is written, He that *had gathered* much had nothing over, and he that *had gathered* little had no lack.

16 ¶ But thanks *be* to God, who put the same diligence into the heart of Titus for you.

17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, of his own accord he went unto you.

18 And we have sent with him the brother whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the *congregations*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

19 and not *that* only, but who was also ordained by the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord and *declaration of* your ready desire,

20 avoiding that anyone should blame us regarding this abundance which is ministered by us,

21 providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which *we have* in you.

23 Regarding Titus, *he is* my partner and fellowhelper concerning you; or regarding our brethren, *they are* the apostles of the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} *and* the glory of Christ.

24 Therefore show ye unto them before the *congregations*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} the proof of your charity and of our glorying regarding you.

2 Corinthians 9

1 ¶ For regarding the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2 For I know your ready desire, for which I gloried of you to those of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago, and your zeal has provoked many.

3 Yet I have sent the brethren lest our glorying of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready,

4 lest haply if those of Macedonia come with me and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed of this our confidence.

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would first go unto you and prepare beforehand your blessing, of which ye had given notice before that the same might be ready as a blessing, and not as *of* covetousness.

6 ¶ But this *I* say, He who sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he who sows in blessings shall also reap blessings.

7 Each one according as they purpose in their heart, *so let them give*, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound in you that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:

9 As it is written, He has dispersed abroad; he has given to the poor; his righteousness remains for ever.

10 Now he that supplies seed to the sower shall also supply bread for food and shall multiply your seed sown and shall increase the growing of the fruits of your righteousness,

11 so that being enriched in everything to all generosity, which works out through us, thanksgiving unto God.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also abounds in much thanksgiving unto God;

13 that by the experience of this ministration, they glorify God for the obedience of your consent unto the gospel of the Christ and in *your* liberal distribution unto them and unto everyone,

14 and in their prayer for you, for they love you because of the eminent grace of God in you.

15 Thanks *be* unto God for his indescribable gift.

2 Corinthians 10

1 ¶ Now I, Paul, myself beseech you by the meekness and clemency of the Christ (who in presence *am* low among you, but being absent *am* bold toward you)

2 but I beseech *you* that I *need* not be bold when I am present with that confidence, with which I am esteemed to use against some who regard us as if we walked according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh

4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God for the destruction of strong holds),

5 casting down reasonings and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and leading captive every thought into the obedience of the Christ

6 and having a readiness to avenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

7 ¶ Do ye look on things after the *outward* appearance? If anyone trusts to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that as he *is* Christ's, even so we *are* Christ's.

8 For though I should glory somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord has given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed,

9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

10 For *his* letters, they say, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible.

11 Let such a one think this, that such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *will we be* also in deed when we are present.

12 ¶ For we dare not mix ourselves in with or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves, but they do not understand that they are measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves among themselves.

13 But we will not glory of things beyond *our* measure, but according to the measure of the rule, of the measure which God has distributed to us, to

reach even unto you.

14 For we do not overextend ourselves by reaching unto you; for we are also come unto you with the gospel of the Christ,

15 Not glorying of things beyond *our* measure in the labours of others; but having hope of the increase of your faith, that we shall be abundantly enlarged among you according to our rule,

16 to preach the gospel in the *regions* beyond you, without *entering into* the measure {Gr. rule} of another to glory in that which has already been made ready.

17 But he that glories, let him glory in the Lord.

18 For *it is* not he that commends himself *that* is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

2 Corinthians 11

1 ¶ I wish ye could bear with me a little in *my* folly and indeed bear with me.

2 For I am jealous over you with the jealousy of God, for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to the Christ.

3 But I fear that as the serpent deceived Eve through his craftiness, so your senses should be corrupted in some way, and ye should fall from the simplicity that is in the Christ.

4 Therefore if anyone comes preaching another Jesus whom we have not preached or *if* ye receive another spirit from that which ye have received or another gospel from that which ye have accepted, ye bear well with *it*.

5 ¶ I reckon that I have not been inferior in any way to those grandiose apostles.

6 But though *I am* rude in speech, yet not in knowledge, but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things.

7 Have I committed an offence in humbling myself that ye might be exalted because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?

8 I deprived the other *congregations*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} taking wages *of them*, to do you service.

9 And when I was present with you and had need, I was not a burden to any *of you*, for that which was lacking to me was supplied by the brethren which came from Macedonia; and in all *things* I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep *myself*.

10 It is the truth of Christ in me that this glory shall not be sealed up unto me in the regions of Achaia.

11 Why? because I do not love you? God knows.

12 But what I do, I will continue to do that I may take away the occasion from those who desire it to be found like unto us in that in which they glory.

13 For these false apostles are deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

14 And it is no marvel, for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers transform themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.

16 ¶ I say again, Let no one think me a fool if otherwise, receive me as a fool, that I may yet glory a little.

17 That which I speak, I speak *it* not according to the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of glory.

18 Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.

19 For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye *yourselves* are wise.

20 For ye suffer it if anyone brings you into bondage, if anyone devours *you*, if anyone takes *of you*, if anyone exalts himself, if anyone smites you on the face.

21 I speak as concerning the reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit in that in which another is bold, (I speak foolishly), I am bold also.

22 ¶ Are they Hebrews? so *am* I. Are they Israelites? so *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so *am* I.

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more, in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths often.

24 Of the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* less one.

25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned; three times I suffered shipwreck, night and day I have been in the deep;

26 *in* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by those of my nation, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren;

27 in labour and travail, in many watches, in hunger and thirst, in many fasts, in cold and nakedness.

28 Beside those things that are without, my daily combat is the welfare of all the *congregations*. {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones}

29 Who is sick, and I am not sick? who stumbles, and I burn not?

30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern my weakness.

31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed for evermore, knows that I do not lie.

32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me;

33 and through a window in a basket I was let down by the wall and escaped his hands.

2 Corinthians 12

1 ¶ Certainly it is not expedient for me to glory, but I will come to *the* visions and *the* revelations of the Lord.

2 I know a man in Christ *who* fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell; God knows) was caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I know such a man (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knows)

4 who was caught up into paradise and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

5 Of such a one I will glory, yet of myself I will not glory, except in my weaknesses.

6 Therefore if I should desire to glory *in these things*, I should not be a fool; for I would say the truth, but *now* I forbear lest anyone should think of me above that which he sees me *to be* or *that* he hears of me.

7 And lest the greatness of the revelations should exalt me above measure, there is given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord three times that it might be taken from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, I will rather glory in my weaknesses that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore I am content in weaknesses, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake, for when I am weak, then am I strong.

11 ¶ I have been a fool, glorying; ye have compelled me; for I ought to have been commended of you, for in nothing am I behind the grandiose apostles, though I am nothing.

12 Truly the signs of the apostle were worked out among you in all patience, in signs and wonders and power.

13 For what is it in which ye were inferior to the other *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} except in that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be burdensome to you, for I seek not your things, but you; for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15 And I will very gladly spend and be utterly spent for your souls though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.

16 But be it so, I did not burden you; nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.

17 Did I make a gain of you by any of those whom I sent unto you?

18 I besought Titus and with *him* I sent a brother. Did Titus defraud you? Did we not walk in the same Spirit and in the same steps?

19 Again, do ye think that we excuse ourselves unto you? We speak before God in Christ, but *we do* all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.

20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I desire and *that* I shall be found unto you such as ye desire not, lest *there be* debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, rumours, tumults,

21 lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I would have to mourn over many who have sinned already and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

2 Corinthians 13

1 ¶ This third time I am coming unto you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

2 I told you before and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now, I write to those who until now have sinned and to all others that, if I come again, I will not spare,

3 Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who unto you is not weak, but is mighty in you.

4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he lives by the power of God. By which we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God in you.

5 Examine yourselves whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves. Do ye not know your own selves if Jesus Christ is in you? Unless ye are reprobates.

6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

7 ¶ Now I pray to God that ye do no evil, not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is good, though we be as reprobates.

8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

9 By which we are glad that we are weak and ye are strong, and even so we pray for your perfection.

10 Therefore I write these things being absent lest being present I should treat you with more severity, according to the power which the Lord has given me for edification, and not for destruction.

11 ¶ For the rest, brethren, that ye may have joy, be perfected, have consolation, be of one mind, having peace; and the God of peace and charity shall be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the saints salute you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the charity of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.

The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the
Galatians

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Galatians 1

1 ¶ Paul, apostle (not from men neither through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead)

2 and all the brethren who are with me, unto the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of Galatia:

3 Grace *be* unto you and peace from God the Father and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 who gave himself for our sins that he might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

5 unto whom *be* the glory for the ages of the ages. Amen.

6 ¶ I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel,

7 for there is not another; but there are some that trouble you and would pervert the gospel of the Christ.

8 But *even* if we, or an angel from heaven, were to preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be anathema.

9 As we said before, so do I say now again, If anyone preaches any other gospel unto you than what ye have received, let him be anathema.

10 ¶ For do I now persuade men or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the slave of Christ.

11 But I make known unto you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not according to man.

12 For I did not receive it nor learn it from man, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in Judaism, how that beyond measure I was persecuting and destroying the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of God

14 And profited in Judaism above many of my equals in my own nation, being exceedingly more zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* by his grace,

16 to reveal his Son in me that I might preach him among the Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood,

17 neither did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went into Arabia and returned again unto Damascus.

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter and abode with him fifteen days.

19 But I saw none of the other apostles, except James the Lord's brother.

20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I do not lie.

21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia

22 and was unknown by face unto the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of Judaea which were in Christ,

23 but they had only heard, That he who persecuted us in time past now preaches the faith which he once destroyed.

24 And they glorified God in me.

Galatians 2

1 ¶ Then fourteen years later I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas and took Titus with *me* also.

2 But I went up by revelation and communicated unto them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who seemed to be of repute, to not run, or have run, in vain.

3 But not even Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised,

4 And that in spite of the false brethren, who entered secretly to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus that they might bring us into bondage;

5 Unto whom we did not submit even for one hour that the truth of the gospel might remain with you.

6 But of these who seemed to be of repute, (whatever they were, it makes no matter to me: God does not accept the appearance of men), for those who seemed *to be of repute* in conference added nothing to me;

7 But to the contrary, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision was unto Peter

8 (for he that showed himself forth in Peter for apostleship of the circumcision, the same also showed himself forth in me toward the Gentiles);

9 and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship that we *should go* unto the Gentiles, and they unto the circumcision.

10 Only *they asked* that we should remember the poor; the same which I was also diligent to do.

11 ¶ But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face because he was to be blamed.

12 For before certain ones came from James, he ate with the Gentiles, but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.

13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him, insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their hypocrisy.

14 But when I saw that they did not walk uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, dost live after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why dost thou compel the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

15 We *who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by *the* faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

17 But if, while we seek to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* therefore Christ the minister of *our* sin? No, in no wise.

18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a rebel.

19 For through the law I am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

20 I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

21 I do not reject the grace of God, for if righteousness *comes* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Galatians 3

1 ¶ O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you that ye should not trust in the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ has been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

2 This only would I learn of you, Did ye receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by the *obedient* ear of faith?

3 Are ye so foolish? having begun by the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain.

5 He therefore that gives unto you the Spirit and does works of power among you, *does he do it* by the works of the law or by the *obedient* ear of faith?

6 ¶ Even as Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

7 Know ye therefore that those who are of faith, the same are the sons of Abraham.

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles through faith, evangelized Abraham in advance, *saying*, In thee shall all the Gentiles be blessed.

9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continues not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident, for The just shall live by faith.

12 And the law is not of faith, but The man that does *the commandments* shall live by them.

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us, (for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangs on a tree),

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 Brethren, (I speak after the manner of men) Even when a covenant is of man, once it is confirmed, no one cancels it or adds to it.

16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He did not say, And to seeds, as of many, but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

17 And this I say *that regarding* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot cancel it, that it should make the promise of no effect.

18 For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

19 ¶ For what then *serves* the law? It was added because of rebellions until the seed should come to whom the promise was made, *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

20 Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one.

21 *Is* the law then against the promises of God? No, in no wise, for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

22 But the scripture has concluded all under sin that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to the believers.

23 But before faith came, we were under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Therefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But when faith is come, we are no longer under *the hand* of the schoolmaster.

26 For ye are all sons of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 *Here* there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye *are* Christ's, then ye are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 4

1 ¶ Now I say *That* the heir, as long as he is a child differs *in* nothing from a slave, though he be lord of all,

2 but is under *the hand* of tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in slavery under the elements of the world,

4 but when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

5 to redeem those that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father;

7 therefore, thou art no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

8 ¶ However then, when ye did not know God, ye did service unto those who by nature are not gods.

9 But now, having known God, or rather being known of God, how do ye turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, in which ye desire again to be in slavery?

10 Ye observe days and months and times and years.

11 I am afraid for you, lest I have bestowed labour upon you in vain.

12 ¶ Brethren, I beseech you, be as I *am*; for I *am* as ye *are*; ye have not injured me at all.

13 Ye know how through weakness of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

14 And my affliction which was in my flesh ye did not despise, nor reject but ye received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus.

15 Where is then the blessedness ye spoke of? for I bear you record that if *it had been* possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes and have given them to me.

16 Am I, therefore, become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

17 ¶ They are zealous after you, *but not for good*; they would exclude you *from us*, that ye might be zealous after them.

18 It is good to be always zealous to *do good*, and not only when I am present with you.

19 ¶ My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

20 I desire to be present with you now and to change my voice, for I stand in doubt of you.

21 ¶ Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, have ye not heard the law?

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

23 But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, but he of the freewoman *was born* through the promise.

24 Which things are an allegory; for these *women* are the two covenants: the one from the Mount Sinai, which begat unto slavery, which is Hagar.

25 For this Hagar or Sinai is a mount in Arabia, which corresponds to the one that is now Jerusalem, which *together* with her children is in slavery.

26 But the Jerusalem of above is free, which is the mother of us all.

27 For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth *into praise* and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband.

28 So that we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

29 But as then he that was born according to the flesh persecuted him *that was born* according to the Spirit, even so *it is* now.

30 Nevertheless what does the scripture say? Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Galatians 5

1 ¶ Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free and do not be entangled again with the yoke of slavery.

2 Behold, I, Paul, say unto you that if ye become circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

3 For I testify again to every man that becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

4 Ye are empty of the Christ, whosoever of you that justify yourselves by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything nor uncircumcision, but faith which works by charity.

7 Ye did run well; who hindered you that ye should not trust in the truth?

8 This persuasion does not *come* of him that called you.

9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

10 I have confidence in you through the Lord that ye will not be otherwise minded, but he that troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.

11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? Then is the offence of the *cross* {Gr. *stauros* – stake} ceased.

12 I even desire that those who trouble you would cut themselves off.

13 ¶ For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only do not *use* liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by charity serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye are not consumed one of another.

16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye are led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; which I denounce, as I have also told *you* in time past that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is *this*: Charity, joy, peace, tolerance, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 For those that are of the Christ have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians 6

1 ¶ Brethren, if anyone is overtaken in a fault, ye who are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of the Christ.

3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

4 But let everyone prove his own work, and then he shall have glory regarding only himself, and not in another.

5 For everyone shall bear his own burden.

6 Let the one that is taught in the word communicate unto the one that teaches in all good things.

7 Do not deceive yourselves; God is not mocked: for whatever a man sows that shall he also reap.

8 For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that sows in the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

10 Therefore as long as we have the opportunity, let us do good unto everyone, especially unto those who are of the household of faith.

11 ¶ Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with my own hand.

12 As many as desire to please in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised, only lest they should suffer persecution for the *cross* {Gr. *stauros* – stake} of the Christ.

13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law, but desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh.

14 But in no wise should I glory, except in the *cross* {Gr. *stauros* – stake} of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails any thing nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them and mercy,
and upon the Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of
the Lord Jesus.

18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the
Ephesians

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Ephesians 1

1 ¶ Paul, apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace *be* to you and peace from God our Father and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ¶ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *things* in Christ;

4 according as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in charity;

5 having marked out beforehand *the way* for us to be adopted as sons by Jesus Christ in himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, in which he has made us accepted in the beloved;

7 in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace,

8 which has over abounded in us in all wisdom and prudence;

9 having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he has purposed in himself,

10 that in the dispensation of the fulfillment of the times he might restore all things by the Christ, both those which are in heaven and those which are on earth,

11 in him in whom likewise we have obtained an inheritance, having had *the way* marked out beforehand according to the purpose of him who works all

things after the counsel of his own will,

12 so that we should be to the praise of his glory, those of us who first trusted in the Christ.

13 In whom ye also *trusted*, hearing the word of truth, the gospel of your saving health; in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of the promise,

14 which is the earnest of our inheritance unto the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

15 ¶ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and charity unto all the saints,

16 cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him;

18 illuminating the eyes of your understanding, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling and what *are* the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints

19 and what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power in us who believe, by the operation of the power of his strength,

20 which operated in the Christ, raising him from the dead and setting *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come,

22 And has put all *things* under his feet and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

23 which is his body, and he is the fullness of her: who fills all things in everyone.

Ephesians 2

1 ¶ And *he has made you alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,
2 in which in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the *will of the* prince of the power of this air, the spirit that now works in the sons of disobedience,
3 among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind and were by nature the children of wrath, even as *all* the others.
4 ¶ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great charity with which he loved us,
5 even as we were dead in sins, he has made us alive together with the Christ (by *whose* grace ye are saved)
6 and has raised *us* up together and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,
7 That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
8 For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God,
9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared that we should walk in them.
11 ¶ Therefore remember that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in *the* flesh, who were called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in *the* flesh, which is made by hands,
12 that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world,
13 but now in Christ Jesus ye who at another time were far off are made near by the blood of the Christ.
14 ¶ For he is our peace, who of both has made one, breaking down the middle wall of separation,

15 abolishing in his flesh the enmity, *which* was the law of commandments in the order of rites, to edify in himself the two in one new man, making peace,

16 and to reconcile both with God by the *cross* {Gr. stauros – stake} in one body, having slain the enmity thereby;

17 and he came and preached peace unto you who *were* afar off and to those that *were* near.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints and of the household of God,

20 and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone,

21 in whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto a holy temple in the Lord,

22 in whom ye also are being built together for *the* habitation of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians 3

1 ¶ For this cause I, Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,
2 if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which has been given to me in you,
3 how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery (as I wrote above in *a* few words,
4 by which, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of the Christ),
5 which in other generations was not made known unto the sons of men as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit,
6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs and of the same body and partakers of his promise in the Christ by the gospel,
7 of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the operation of his power.
8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of the Christ
9 and to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the ages has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.
10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the *congregation* {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} the manifold wisdom of God,
11 according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord,
12 In whom we have security and access with confidence by the faith of him.
13 Therefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.
14 ¶ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
15 (of whom the whole family in *the* heavens and on earth is named),
16 that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man,

17 that the Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in charity,

18 may be able to *well* comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth and length and depth and height

19 and to know the charity of the Christ, which passes all knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

21 unto him *be* glory in the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} by Christ Jesus throughout all generations of the ages of *the* ages. Amen.

Ephesians 4

1 ¶ I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation with which ye are called,

2 ¶ with all humility and meekness, with tolerance, forbearing one another in charity,

3 being diligent to guard the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling,

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all, who *is* above all and through all, and in you all.

7 But unto each one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of the Christ.

8 Therefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all the heavens, that he might fulfil all things.)

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers,

12 for the perfecting of the saints in the work of the ministry, unto *the* edifying of the body of the Christ

13 until we all come forth in *the* unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the coming of age of the Christ:

14 That we no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men *and* cunning craftiness, by which they lie in wait to deceive,

15 but following the truth in charity, let us grow up into him in all things, who is the head, the Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and *well* tied together among itself by the nourishment that every *connecting* bond supplies, by the

operation of each member according to the measure they have received, making increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in charity.

17 ¶ This I say, therefore, and require in the Lord that from now on ye not walk as the other Gentiles walk in the vanity of their *own* senses,

18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them because of the blindness of their heart,

19 who, after losing all sense *of feeling* have given themselves over unto lasciviousness to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But ye have not so learned of the Christ,

21 if so be that ye have heard him and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus,

22 that ye put off *everything* concerning the old way of life, *that is*, the old man who corrupts himself according to deceitful desires,

23 and be renewed in the spirit of your understanding

24 and that ye put on the new man, which is created in conformity to God in righteousness and in the holiness of the truth.

25 Therefore, leaving the lie, speak every man truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another.

26 Be ye angry and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath,

27 neither give place to the devil.

28 Let him that stole steal no more, but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands that which is good, that he may have to give to him that is in need.

29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good for edification, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with which ye are sealed for the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and evil speaking be taken away from you, with all malice,

32 and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God has forgiven you in Christ.

Ephesians 5

- 1 ¶ Be ye therefore imitators of God, as dear children
2 and walk in charity even as the Christ also has loved us and has given himself for us *as* an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.
- 3 ¶ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not be once named among you as becomes saints,
4 neither dishonest words nor foolishness nor low jesting, which are not convenient, but rather giving of thanks.
- 5 For this ye know, that no fornicator nor unclean person nor covetous man, who is *also* an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
- 6 Let no one deceive you with vain words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
- 7 Be not ye, therefore, partakers with them.
- 8 For in another time ye were darkness, but now *ye are* light in the Lord: walk as children of light;
9 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),
10 approving what is well pleasing unto the Lord.
- 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.
- 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which they do in secret.
- 13 But all these things when they are reproved by the light are made manifest, for the light is that which manifests everything.
- 14 Therefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and the Christ shall shine upon thee.
- 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
- 17 Therefore, be ye not unwise, but understanding of what the will of the Lord *is*.

18 And be not drunk with wine, in which there is excess, but be filled with the Spirit,

19 speaking among yourselves with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and praising the Lord in your hearts,

20 giving thanks always for all things unto the God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

21 ¶ submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husband, as unto the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as the Christ is head of the *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} and it is he who gives saving health to the body.

24 Therefore, as the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} is subject unto the Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives even as the Christ also loved the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} and gave himself for her,

26 that he might sanctify and cleanse her in the washing of water by the word,

27 that he might present her glorious for himself, a *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought husbands to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it even as the Lord with his *congregation*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife, and they shall be two in one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the *congregation*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

33 Nevertheless, let each one of you do likewise, let each one so love his wife even as himself, and let the wife *see* that she reverences *her* husband.

Ephesians 6

1 ¶ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise),

3 that it may be well with thee, and thou may live long on the earth.

4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the discipline and admonition of the Lord.

5 Slaves, be obedient to those that are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in simplicity of your heart as unto the Christ,

6 not to be seen as *only* pleasing men, but as the slaves of the Christ, doing the will of God from within,

7 with good will doing service as to the Lord and not to men,

8 knowing that whatever good thing anyone does, the same shall they receive of the Lord, whether *they are* slaves or free.

9 And, ye masters, do the same unto them, forbearing threats, knowing that their Master and yours is also in *the* heavens and that he is no respecter of persons.

10 ¶ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand *firm* against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the lords of this age, rulers of this darkness, against spiritual wickedness in the heavens.

13 Therefore, take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day and stand *fast*, all *the work having* been finished.

14 Stand *firm*, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth and having on the breastplate, {the coat of mail and coat of arms} of righteousness,

15 and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace,

16 above all, taking the shield of faith, with which ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching in this with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

19 ¶ and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth with confidence, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that in this I may speak boldly as I ought to speak.

21 But that ye also may know my affairs *and* how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful servant in the Lord, shall make known to you all things,

22 whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs and *that* he might comfort your hearts.

23 Peace *be* to the brethren and charity with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace *be* with all those that love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruption. Amen.

The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the
Philipians

1 2 3 4

Philipians 1

1 ¶ Paul and Timothy, slaves of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace *be* unto you and peace from God our Father and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ¶ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you

4 always in every prayer of mine for you all, making request with joy,

5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,

6 being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will perfect *it* until the day of Jesus Christ.

7 ¶ Even as it is right for me to think this of you all because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are joint partakers of my grace.

8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

9 ¶ And this I pray that your charity may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all perception,

10 that ye may approve the best, that ye may be sincere and without offense until the day of Christ,

11 being filled with fruits of righteousness, which *are* by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

12 ¶ But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel,

13 so that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace and in all other *places*;

14 and many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach the Christ even *out* of envy and strife, but others also *out* of good will.

16 Some preach the Christ *out* of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add tribulation to my bonds,

17 but the others *out* of charity, knowing that I am placed *here* for the defense of the gospel.

18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached, and I therein do rejoice, and will even rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall become my saving health through your prayer and the nourishment of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 according to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life or by death.

21 ¶ For to me to live *is* Christ and to die *is* gain.

22 But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour, yet I do not know what to choose.

23 For I am in a strait between *the* two, having a desire to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better:

24 nevertheless, to abide in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith,

26 that your glorying in Jesus Christ may be more abundant by my coming to you again.

27 ¶ Only let your conversation be as is worthy of the gospel of Christ, that whether I come and see you or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, unanimous, working together for the faith of the gospel,

28 and in nothing terrified by your adversaries, which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of saving health and that of God.

29 For unto you it is granted regarding Christ, not only to believe on him,
but also to suffer for his sake,

30 having the same conflict which ye saw in me and now hear *to be* in me.

Philipians 2

1 ¶ Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of charity, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2 fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same charity, unanimous, minding the one thing.

3 *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory, but in humility let each esteem others better than themselves,

4 *with* each one not looking to their own things, but also to the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God,

7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, made in the likeness of men,

8 and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the *cross*. {Gr. stauros – stake}

9 Therefore, God also has highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven and *things* in earth and *things* under the earth,

11 and *that* every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is Lord in the glory of God the Father.

12 ¶ Therefore, my beloved, as ye have always hearkened, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own saving health with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

14 ¶ Do all things without murmurings and doubts,

15 that ye may be blameless and innocent, children of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world,

16 holding fast the word of life, that I may glory in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

17 And even if I am poured out as an offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy and rejoice with you all.

18 For the same cause ye also have joy and rejoice with me.

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort when I know your state.

20 For I have no one likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

22 But ye know the proof of him, that as a son with the father, he has served with me in the gospel.

23 Therefore, I hope to send him presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.

24 But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and companion in labour and fellowsoldier, but your messenger and he that ministered to my needs.

26 For he longed after you all and was full of heaviness, because ye had heard that he had been sick

27 For indeed he was sick near unto death, but God had mercy on him and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 I sent him, therefore, the more carefully, that when ye see him again, ye may rejoice and that I may be the less sorrowful.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness and esteem such

30 because for the work of the Christ he was near unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

Philipians 3

1 ¶ It remains, my brethren, that ye rejoice in the Lord. It does not bother me to write the same things to you, and for you *it is* safe.

2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.

3 For we are the circumcision, who serve God in spirit and glory in Christ Jesus, having no confidence in the flesh.

4 ¶ Though I might also have reason to confide in the flesh. If any other man thinks that he has whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the lineage of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;

6 concerning zeal, a persecutor of the *congregation*; {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

7 But those things which were gain to me, I counted loss for Christ.

8 And doubtless I even count all things *as* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ

9 ¶ and be found in him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death,

11 if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained *it*, either were already perfect, but I follow after, if I may lay hold of that for which I have also been laid hold of by the Christ, Jesus.

13 Brethren, I do not reckon to have laid hold of *it* yet, but *this* one thing *I* do, forgetting those things which are behind and extending myself unto those things which are ahead,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 ¶ Let us, therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded; and if in anything ye are otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, in that unto which we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us have the same mind.

17 ¶ Brethren, be imitators of me and consider those who so walk, as ye have us for a pattern.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the *cross* {Gr. stauros – stake} of Christ;

19 whose end *shall be* perdition, whose god *is their* belly and *whose* glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things).

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from where we also look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall transform our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto the body of his glory, according to the working by which he is also able to subdue all things unto himself.

Philipians 4

1 ¶ Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.

2 I beseech Euodias and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women who laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also and *with* my other fellowlabourers, whose names *are* in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always, *and* again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* near.

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* honest, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* any praise, exercise yourselves in these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned and received and heard and seen in me, do, and the God of peace shall be with you.

10 ¶ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me has flourished again, in which ye were also concerned, but ye lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak in respect of want, for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content.

12 I know both how to be humbled, and I know how to have an abundance; in everything and by all things I am instructed, both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

14 Notwithstanding ye have done well, that ye did communicate with my tribulation.

15 Now ye Philipians know also that in the beginning of the gospel when I departed from Macedonia, no *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

17 Not because I desire a gift, but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

18 But I have all and abound; I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

20 ¶ Now unto God and our Father *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.

22 All the saints greet you, chiefly those that are of the Caesar's household.

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the
Colossians

1 2 3 4

Colossians 1

1 ¶ Paul, apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother,

2 to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colosse: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ¶ We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you

4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the charity *which ye have* toward all the saints,

5 for the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, of which ye have already heard by the word of the truth of the gospel,

6 which is come unto you, as *it is* in all the world, and brings forth fruit, as *it does* also in you, since the day ye heard *it* and knew the grace of God in truth,

7 as ye also learned of Epaphras, our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ,

8 who also declared unto us your charity in *the* Spirit.

9 ¶ For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, asking that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,

10 that ye might walk worthy of the Lord, pleasing *him* in everything, being fruitful in every good work, and growing in the knowledge of God,

11 strengthened with all might, according to the power of his glory unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness,

12 ¶ giving thanks unto the Father, who has made us worthy to participate in the inheritance of the saints in light,

13 who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son,

14 in whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the remission of sins,

15 who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature;

16 for by him were all things created, that *are* in the heavens and that *are* in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they are* thrones or dominions or principalities or powers: all things were created by him and in him;

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

18 And he is the head of the body, the *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fullness dwell

20 and by him to reconcile all things unto himself, having made peace through the blood of his *cross*, {Gr. stauro – stake} whether *they are* the things in the earth or the things in the heavens.

21 And you, that were in another time alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now he has reconciled *you*

22 in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight

23 if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled and *are* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard *and* which is preached to every creature which is under heaven, of which I Paul am made a minister,

24 who now rejoice in my sufferings for you and fulfil in my flesh that which *is* lacking of the tribulations of the Christ for his body's sake, which is the *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

25 of which I am made a minister by the dispensation of God which is given to me in you, to fulfil the word of God,

26 *even* the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints,

27 to whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery in the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

28 whom we preach, warning every man and teaching in all wisdom that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus,

29 in which I continue to labour, contending according to his operation, which he works in me mightily.

Colossians 2

1 ¶ For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you and *for* those at Laodicea and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh,

2 that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in charity and in all *the* riches of the fulfilled understanding to know the mystery of the God and Father and of the Christ;

3 in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 ¶ And this I say lest anyone should beguile you with enticing words.

5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 Therefore in the manner in which ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him,

7 rooted and built up in him and confirmed in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, according to the elements of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

10 and ye are complete in him, who is the head of all principality and power.

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of the Christ;

12 buried together with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who has raised him from the dead.

13 ¶ And you, being dead in sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he has quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

14 blotting out the bill of the decrees that was against us, which was contrary to us, taking it out of the way, nailing it to his *cross*, {Gr. stauro – stake}

15 *and* having spoiled the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

16 ¶ Let no one therefore judge you in food or in drink or in respect of a feast day or of *the* new moon or of *the* sabbath *days*,

17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the body is of the Christ.

18 Let no one govern you according to their own will under *pretext of* humility and religion of angels, intruding into those things which they have not seen, vainly puffed up by their fleshly mind,

19 and not holding fast *to* the Head, from whom all the body, fed and united by its joints and bonds, grows in the increase of God.

20 For if ye are dead with the Christ to the elements of the world, why, as though living unto the world, do ye decree rites,

21 touch not; taste not; handle not?

22 Which all perish with the using, because *they are* the commandments and doctrines of men,

23 which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will worship and humility and neglecting of the body, but they have absolutely no value against the appetites of the flesh.

Colossians 3

1 ¶ If ye then are risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where the Christ sits at the right hand of God.

2 Set your sight on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead and your life is hid with the Christ in God.

4 When Christ, *who* is our life, shall be manifested, then shall ye also be manifested with him in glory.

5 ¶ Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil lust, and covetousness, which is idolatry;

6 for which things' sake the wrath of God comes on the sons of disobedience,

7 in which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8 ¶ But now put ye also off all these things: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9 Lie not one to another, putting off the old man with his deeds

10 and *being* clothed with the new *man*, who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of the one that created him,

11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian nor Scythian, slave *nor* free: but Christ *is* all and in all.

12 ¶ Clothed, therefore, (as the elect of God, holy and beloved) with bowels of mercies, with kindness, with humility, with meekness, with tolerance,

13 forbearing one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a quarrel against another: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfection.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, into which likewise ye are called into one body, and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of the Christ dwell in you in abundance in all wisdom, teaching you and exhorting you one to another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with grace singing in your hearts unto the Lord.

17 And whatever ye do whether in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the God and Father by him.

18 ¶ Wives, be subject to your own husbands as it is fit in the Lord.

19 Husbands, love *your* wives and do not be bitter against them.

20 Children, obey *your* parents in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

21 Fathers, provoke not your children lest they become disheartened.

22 Slaves, in all things hearken unto *your* masters according to the flesh, not serving to be seen as those who *only* please men, but in simplicity of heart, fearing God;

23 And whatever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men,

24 knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance, for ye serve the Lord Christ.

25 But he that does wrong shall receive the wrong which he has done, *now* that there is no respect of persons.

Colossians 4

1 ¶ Masters, do that which is just and right with *your* slaves, knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

2 ¶ Persevere in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving,

3 praying also together for us that God would open unto us *the* door of the word, to speak the mystery of the Christ, for which I am also in bonds,

4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5 ¶ Walk in wisdom towards outsiders, winning the occasion.

6 Let your word *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one.

7 ¶ All my affairs shall Tychicus declare unto you, *who is* a beloved brother and a faithful servant and fellow slave in the Lord,

8 whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your affairs and comfort your hearts,

9 with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is *one* of you. They shall make known unto you all *the* things which *are happening* here.

10 Aristarchus, my fellowprisoner, salutes you, and Mark, nephew to Barnabas, (concerning whom ye have received commandments, if he comes unto you, receive him),

11 and Jesus, who is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only *are my* fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, who have been a comfort unto me.

12 Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a slave of Christ, salutes you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand *firm*, perfect and fulfilled in all the will of God.

13 For I bear witness of him, that he has a great zeal for you and those *that are* in Laodicea and those in Hierapolis.

14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

15 Salute the brethren who are in Laodicea and Nymphas and the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} which is in his house.

16 And when *this* epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of *the* Laodiceans, and that ye

likewise read the *epistle* from Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, Take heed to fulfil the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord.

18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

The First Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the
Thessalonians

1 2 3 4 5

1 Thessalonians 1

1 ¶ Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of the Thessalonians *congregated* in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace *be* unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 ¶ We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

3 remembering without ceasing the work of your faith and labour and charity and of waiting with the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,

4 being certain, beloved brethren, that you are chosen of God.

5 For our gospel did not come unto you in word only, but also in power and in *the* Holy Spirit and in full assurance as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

6 ¶ And ye were made imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word with much tribulation, with joy of the Holy Spirit:

7 So that ye have become examples to all that have believed in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For through you the word of the Lord has been divulged not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith, which is in God, has become extended, so that we have no need to say anything.

9 For they themselves tell of us what an entrance we had unto you and in what manner ye were converted to God from idols to serve the living and

true God

10 and to wait for his Son from the heavens, whom he raised from the dead,
even Jesus, who delivered us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 2

1 ¶ For *you* yourselves, brethren, know that our entrance unto you was not vain,

2 but having suffered before and having been shamefully treated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to announce unto you the gospel of God with much diligence.

3 For our exhortation *was* not of error nor of uncleanness nor in guile,

4 but because we have been approved of God that he might entrust us with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God, who tries our hearts.

5 For we were never flatterers in the word, as ye know, nor tainted with covetousness, God *is* witness,

6 nor did we seek glory of men neither of you nor *yet* of others, when we might have been burdensome unto you as the apostles of Christ.

7 ¶ But we were gentle among you, as a mother feeding and caring for her children,

8 loving you so much, that we were willing to give unto you, not only the gospel of God, but even our own souls, because ye are dear unto us.

9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail, for labouring night and day, not to be a burden unto any of you, we preached among you the gospel of God.

10 Ye *are* witnesses, and God *also*, of how holy and just and irreprehensible our behaviour was among you that believe,

11 as ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *with* his children,

12 that ye would walk worthy of God, who has called you unto his kingdom and glory.

13 ¶ For this cause also we thank God without ceasing, that having received from us the word to hear from God, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, (but as it is in truth) the word of God, which effectually works in you that believe.

14 For ye, brethren, have been imitators in Christ Jesus of the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of God which are in Judaea, for ye also have suffered like things of your own nation, even as they *have* of the Jews,
15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets and have persecuted us, and they do not please God and are contrary to all men,
16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up *the measure of* their sins always, for the wrath of *God* has come upon them to the uttermost.

17 ¶ But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly with great desire to see your face.

18 Therefore we would have come unto you, even I, Paul, once and again, but Satan hindered us.

19 For what is our hope or joy or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

20 For ye are our glory and joy.

1 Thessalonians 3

1 ¶ Therefore when we could wait no longer, we agreed to remain in Athens alone

2 and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God *and our fellowlabourer* in the gospel of the Christ, to confirm you and to exhort you in your faith,

3 that no one should be moved in these tribulations, for you know that we are appointed for this.

4 For even when we were with you, we told you in advance that we must pass through tribulations, even as it has come to pass, and ye know.

5 For this cause I, also, not waiting any longer, have sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter has tempted you and our labour is in vain.

6 ¶ But now when Timothy came from you unto us and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also *to see you*.

7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our tribulation and need by your faith;

8 for now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you for all the joy with which we joy for your sakes before our God,

10 night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face and might complete that which is lacking in your faith?

11 ¶ Now *may* God himself and our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ direct our way unto you.

12 And the Lord make you to multiply and make charity to abound among you and toward all *men*, even as it *is* with us toward you,

13 that your hearts may be confirmed in holiness, irreprehensible before God, even our Father, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 4

1 ¶ It is in order then, brethren, that we beseech and exhort *you* in the Lord Jesus, that in the manner ye were taught of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would continue to grow.

2 For ye already know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For the will of God is your sanctification, that ye should separate *yourselves* from fornication,

4 that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honesty,

5 not with affection of lust, as the Gentiles who do not know God,

6 that no one oppress and defraud his brother in *any* matter because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto sanctification.

8 He therefore that despises *us*, does not despise man, but God, who has also given unto us his Holy Spirit.

9 ¶ But as touching love among the brethren, ye need not that I write unto you, for ye yourselves have learned of God that ye are to show charity to one another.

10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia, but we beseech you, brethren, that ye continue to grow

11 and that ye procure to be quiet and to do your business and to work with your hands, as we commanded you,

12 that ye may walk honestly toward those that are without, and *that* ye may desire nothing from any one.

13 ¶ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as the others who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those who sleep in Jesus will God also bring with him.

15 For this, we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first;

17 then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5

1 ¶ But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For ye know well that the day of the Lord shall come as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction shall come upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should take you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the sons of light, and the sons of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 ¶ Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For those that sleep sleep in the night, and those that are drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and charity, and for a helmet, the hope of saving health.

9 For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain saving health by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 who died for us, that whether we watch or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 ¶ Therefore comfort and edify one another, even as ye do.

12 And we beseech you, brethren, to recognize those who labour among you and preside *over* you in the Lord and admonish you

13 and that you express greater charity unto them for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.

14 We also exhort you, brethren, that you warn those that are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient with everyone.

15 See that no one renders evil for evil unto anyone, but always follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all *men*.

16 ¶ Always rejoice.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophecies.

21 Examine all things; retain that which is good.

22 Separate yourselves from all appearance of evil.

23 ¶ And the very God of peace sanctify you completely, that your spirit, soul, and body be preserved whole without reprehension for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful *is* he that has called you, who will also do *it*.

25 Brethren, pray for us.

26 Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

The Second Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the
Thessalonians

1 2 3

2 Thessalonians 1

1 ¶ Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, unto the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of the Thessalonians in God our Father and in our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace unto you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We must thank God always for you, brethren, as is due because your faith grows exceedingly, and the charity of each and every one of you toward each other abounds,

4 so that we ourselves glory in you in the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure and

5 ¶ in testimony of the just judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer,

6 seeing *it is* a just thing with God to recompense tribulation to those that trouble you

7 and to give you, who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with the angels of his power,

8 with flaming fire, to take vengeance on those that do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

9 who shall be punished with eternal destruction by the presence of the Lord and by the glory of his power,

10 when he shall come to be glorified in his saints and to be admired in all those that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that

day.

11 ¶ Therefore in this manner we pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of his calling and fill each will with goodness and the work of faith with power

12 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be clarified in you, and ye in him, by the grace of our God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2

1 ¶ Now we beseech you, brethren, regarding the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together unto him,

2 that ye not be easily shaken in understanding or be troubled neither by spirit nor by word nor by letter as from us, as if the day of Christ is at hand.

3 ¶ Let no one deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come* except there come a falling away first and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition,

4 opposing and exalting himself against all that is called God, or divinity, so that he as God sits in the temple of God, making himself appear to be God.

5 Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And ye know what impedes this now, that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity is already working, except that he who dominates now will dominate until he is taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked *one* be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of his mouth and remove with the clarity of his coming:

9 *that wicked one*, who shall come by the working of Satan with great power and signs and lying miracles,

10 and with all deception of iniquity *working* in those that perish because they did not receive the charity of the truth, to be saved.

11 Therefore, for this cause, God shall send the operation of error in them, that they should believe the lie;

12 that they all might be condemned who did not believe the truth, but consented to the iniquity.

13 ¶ But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to saving health through the sanctification of the Spirit and faith in *the* truth,

14 unto which he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and retain the doctrine which ye have been taught, whether by word or our epistle.

16 ¶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God, even our Father, who has loved us and has given *us* eternal consolation and good hope through grace,
17 comfort your hearts and confirm you in every good word and work.

2 Thessalonians 3

1 ¶ Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course and be glorified, even as *it is* with you,

2 And that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked men, for the faith is not of everyone.

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall confirm you and keep *you* from evil.

4 And we have confidence in the Lord regarding you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

5 And the Lord make your hearts upright in the charity of God and in the hope of the Christ.

6 ¶ Now we charge you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walks out of order, and not after the doctrine which ye received of us.

7 For you know in what manner you ought to imitate us, for we did not walk disorderly among you,

8 neither did we eat any man's bread for nought, but working with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you,

9 Not because we did not have authority, but to give you an example that you might imitate us.

10 For even when we were with you, this we declared unto you, that if anyone desires not to work neither should he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you out of order, not working at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now those that are such, we charge and exhort in our Lord Jesus Christ, that working with quietness, they eat their bread.

13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

14 And if anyone does not hearken unto our word by this epistle, note that one and do not join with him, that he may be ashamed.

15 Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

16 ¶ Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by every means. The Lord *be* with you all.

17 *Receive* saving health from my hand, Paul, which is the sign in all *my* letters: so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

The First Epistle of the Apostle Paul to
Timothy

1 2 3 4 5 6

1 Timothy 1

1 ¶ Paul, apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour,
and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

2 unto Timothy, true son in the faith, Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God
our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Even as I besought thee to remain at Ephesus when I went into
Macedonia, that thou might charge some that they not teach diverse
doctrine,

4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which generate questions
other than that the edification of God is by faith.

5 ¶ Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart and *of* a
good conscience and *of* faith unfeigned:

6 from which some, having swerved, have turned aside unto vanity of
words,

7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor
from where they affirm.

8 But we know that the law *is* good, if a man uses it legitimately,

9 knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the
lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly sinners, for the evil and profane,
for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 for fornicators, for homosexuals, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjured
persons, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,

11 according to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

12 ¶ And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has enabled me, for he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,

13 who was before a blasphemer and a persecutor and injurious, but I was received unto mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.

14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15 This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of acceptation by all, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first.

16 But for this cause I was received unto mercy that in me first, Jesus Christ might show forth all clemency, for an example to those who should hereafter believe in him for eternal life.

17 Therefore unto the King forever, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

18 ¶ This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, so that according to past prophecies regarding thee, that thou by them might war a good warfare;

19 holding fast faith and a good conscience, which some, having cast away, have shipwrecked in *their* faith,

20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered unto Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 2

- 1 ¶ I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men,
- 2 for kings, and *for* all that are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and integrity.
- 3 For this *is* good and pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour,
- 4 who desires that all men be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth.
- 5 For *there is only* one God and likewise *only* one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
- 6 who gave himself in ransom for all, the testimony of which *was confirmed* at the time,
- 7 of which I am ordained a preacher and an apostle (I speak the truth in Christ *and* do not lie), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.
- 8 I desire, therefore, that the men in every place, pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and strife.
- 9 ¶ In like manner also that the women adorn themselves in an honest manner, with shyness and modesty, not with ostentatious hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing
- 10 but with good works (as becomes women professing godliness).
- 11 Let the woman learn, becoming silent in all subjection.
- 12 For I do not allow a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over a *mature* man, but to be at rest.
- 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.
- 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived in the rebellion;
- 15 notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if she continues in faith and charity and sanctification and modesty.

1 Timothy 3

1 ¶ The Word is faithful, If anyone desires *the office* of a bishop, {to be a pastor or elder in the congregation} he desires a difficult ministry.

2 It is expedient, therefore, that the bishop be blameless, the husband of *only* one wife, vigilant, temperate, of *worldly* affections mortified, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 not given to wine, not hurtful, not greedy of dishonest gain, but gentle, not contentious, not covetous;

4 one that rules well his own house, having his children in subjection with all integrity;

5 (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of God?)

6 not a novice, lest being puffed up, he fall into judgment of the devil.

7 Moreover he must have a good report of those who are outside lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

8 ¶ Likewise the deacons *must be* honest, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of dishonest gain;

9 holding the mystery of the faith *together* with a pure conscience.

10 And let these also first be proved; then let them minister, if they are blameless.

11 The wives likewise *are to be* honest, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.

12 Let the deacons be the husbands of *only* one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

13 For those that minister well purchase to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

14 ¶ These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly

15 But if I tarry long, that thou may know how it is expedient to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto

the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

1 Timothy 4

1 ¶ Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, listening to spirits of error and doctrines of demons;

2 that in hypocrisy shall speak lies; having their conscience seared as with a hot iron;

3 they shall forbid to marry and shall command *men* to abstain from foods, which God has created to be received with thanksgiving by those who are faithful and have known the truth.

4 For everything that God created *is* good, and nothing *is* to be refused, if it is received with thanksgiving,

5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

6 ¶ If thou put these things before the brethren, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, unto which thou hast attained.

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness.

8 For bodily exercise profits *a* little, but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

9 The Word *is* faithful and worthy of acceptance by all.

10 For this we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

11 Command and teach this.

12 Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the faithful in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13 Until I come, occupy thyself reading, exhorting, teaching.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which is given unto thee to prophesy, through the laying on of the hands of the elders.

15 Occupy thyself in these things *with care*, for in this *is everything*, that thy profiting may be manifest unto all.

16 Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; be diligent in this, for in doing so thou shalt both save thyself and those that hear thee.

1 Timothy 5

1 ¶ Rebuke not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father, *and* the younger men as brethren,

2 the elder women as mothers, the younger as sisters, with all purity.

3 ¶ Honour widows that are widows indeed.

4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let those learn first to govern their house in piety and to recompense their parents, for this is honest and pleasing before God.

5 Now she that is a widow indeed and desolate, trusts in God, and is diligent in supplications and prayers night and day,

6 but she that lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.

7 Therefore command these things, that they may be blameless.

8 But if any provide not for his own and specially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

9 Let a widow be placed on the list being not less than sixty years old, having been the wife of one man,

10 having a good testimony of good works, if she has brought up *well her* children, if she has exercised hospitality, if she has washed the feet of the saints, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

11 But the younger widows refuse, for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they desire to marry,

12 having condemnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

13 And reject also the idle, who have learned to wander about from house to house, and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

14 I desire therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, govern the house, giving no occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

15 For some are already turned back after Satan.

16 If any faithful man or woman has widows, let them maintain them and let not the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} be charged, that it may relieve those that are widows indeed.

17 ¶ Let the elders that govern well be counted worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in the word and doctrine.

18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treads out the grain. And, The labourer *is* worthy of his reward.

19 Against an elder do not receive an accusation, unless there are two or three witnesses.

20 Those that *persist in* sin rebuke before all, that the others may also fear.

21 I charge *thee* before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

22 Lay hands suddenly on no one, neither be partaker of the sins of others; keep thyself pure.

23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

24 Some men's sins are manifest beforehand, before they come unto judgment, but to others they follow after.

25 Likewise also the good works *of some* are manifest beforehand, and those that are otherwise cannot be hid.

1 Timothy 6

1 ¶ Let all that are under the yoke of slavery count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and *his* doctrine not be blasphemed.

2 And those that have faithful masters, let them not despise *them*, because they are brethren, but rather serve them better, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. Teach and exhort this.

3 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the doctrine which is according to godliness,

4 he is puffed up, knowing nothing, but is driven mad concerning questions and controversy of words, of which comes envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 perverse disputings of men of corrupt understanding, and destitute of the truth, using piety as a source of gain: from such withdraw thyself.

6 ¶ But piety with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.

8 So that, sustenance and covering, let us be content with this.

9 For those that desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is *the* root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, charity, tolerance, meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, unto which thou art also called, having made a good profession before many witnesses.

13 ¶ I give thee charge in the sight of God, who gives life to all things and *before* Christ Jesus, who testified before Pontius Pilate a good profession;

14 that thou keep the commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 who in his time shall show the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

16 the only one who has immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, whom no man has seen nor can see, to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen.

17 Charge those that are rich in this world, that they not be highminded, not placing their hope in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy;

18 *but charge them* to do good, that they be rich in good works, liberal to distribute, willing to communicate,

19 laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the future, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, turn away from profane voices and vain things and arguments in the vain name of science,

21 which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace *be* with thee. Amen.

The Second Epistle of the Apostle Paul to
Timothy

1 2 3 4

2 Timothy 1

1 ¶ Paul, apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

2 to Timothy, dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace of God the Father and of Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with *a* pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day,

4 greatly desiring to see thee (being mindful of thy tears), that I may be filled with joy,

5 when I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6 ¶ Therefore I admonish thee that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of strength and of love and of temperance.

8 Therefore be not thou ashamed *to give* testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel by the power of God,

9 who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages,

10 but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has annulled death, and has brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

11 unto which I am appointed *a* preacher and *an* apostle and *a* teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and charity which is in Christ Jesus.

14 Keep the good deposit committed *unto thee* by the Holy Spirit which dwells in us.

15 ¶ This, thou knowest, that all those who are in Asia are turned away from me, of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain;

17 for when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently and found *me*.

18 The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day; and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

2 Timothy 2

- 1 ¶ Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
- 3 Thou, therefore, work hard as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- 4 No man that wars entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who has chosen him to be a soldier.
- 5 And also if anyone contends *in public contest*, he is not crowned, except he contends legitimately.
- 6 The husbandman, in order to receive the fruits, must first work hard.
- 7 Understand what I say, that the Lord shall give thee understanding in all things.
- 8 ¶ Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead, according to my gospel,
- 9 in which I suffer trouble, like unto an evil doer, *even* unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.
- 10 Therefore, I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they may also obtain the saving health which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
- 11 *This is* a faithful word: That if we are dead with *him*, we shall also live with *him*;
- 12 if we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*; if we deny *him*, he also will deny us;
- 13 if we are unfaithful, *yet* he remains faithful; he cannot deny himself.
- 14 ¶ Counsel these things, charging *them* before the Lord. Strive not in words that profit nothing, *but rather* subvert the hearers.
- 15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that has nothing to be ashamed of, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- 16 But avoid profane *and* vain wordiness, for it will develop into ungodliness.
- 17 And that word will eat away as gangrene, of whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

18 who have erred from the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past and *have* overthrown the faith of some.

19 ¶ Nevertheless, the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal, The Lord knows those that are his. And, Let every one that names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of clay, and likewise some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21 If a man, therefore, purges himself from these things, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and profitable for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

22 ¶ Flee also youthful lusts, but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with those that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

23 But foolish and unwise questions refuse, knowing that they do beget contentions.

24 That the slave of the Lord should not be contentious, but be meek unto everyone, apt to teach, patient,

25 that with meekness they might teach those that resist, if God peradventure will grant unto them that they might repent and know the truth,

26 and *that* they may become converted out of the snare of the devil, in which they are captive to do his will.

2 Timothy 3

1 ¶ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For there shall be men who are lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, evil speakers, disobedient to their parents, unthankful, impure,

3 without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, without temperance, without meekness, without goodness,

4 traitors, rash, puffed up, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God,

5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are those who creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with various lusts,

7 ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 And in the manner that Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth, men of corrupt understanding, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall not prevail, for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as that of those also was.

10 ¶ But thou hast fully known my doctrine, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra, persecutions I have endured, and the Lord delivered me out of *them* all.

12 And all that desire to live godly in Christ Jesus shall also suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and *in that which* has been entrusted unto thee, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*,

15 and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto saving health by *the* faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God and *is* profitable for doctrine,
for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good
works.

2 Timothy 4

1 ¶ I charge *thee*, therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead in his appearing and in his kingdom:

2 Preach the word; be instant in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but, having itching ears, they shall heap up unto themselves teachers who shall speak to them according to their own lusts,

4 and thus they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth and shall return unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, labour, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my release is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith;

8 from now on there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all those also that have loved his appearing.

9 ¶ Procure to come shortly unto me;

10 for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring him with thee, for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

12 And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

13 The cloak that I left at Troas in the house of Carpus, when thou comest, bring *with thee* and the books, *but* especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:

15 of whom be thou ware also; for he has greatly resisted our words.

16 ¶ At my first answer no one stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: let it not be imputed unto them.

17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, that by me the preaching might be fully known and *that* all the Gentiles might hear, and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work and will save me for his heavenly kingdom, to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

19 Salute Prisca and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I have left at Miletum sick.

21 Procure to come before winter. Eubulus greets thee, and Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

22 The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with thy spirit. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to
Titus

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Titus 1

1 ¶ Paul, slave of God, and apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness;
2 for the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the times of the ages

3 and has manifested in due times. It is his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;
4 to Titus, true son in the common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus, the Christ, our Saviour.

5 ¶ For this cause I left thee in Crete, that thou should correct that which is lacking and set in place elders in every city, as I had commanded thee:

6 ¶ He who is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children who can not be accused of dissoluteness, nor insubordinate.

7 For the bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God; not arrogant, not quick to anger, not given to wine, not hurtful, not greedy of dishonest gain,
8 but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, temperate, just, holy, gentle,

9 holding fast the doctrine according to the faithful word, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

10 For there are many insubordinate and vain talkers and deceivers *of souls*, especially those of the circumcision,

11 whose mouths it is expedient to stop, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for dishonest gain.

12 One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* always liars, evil beasts, lazy bellies.

13 This witness is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

14 not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

15 For unto the pure all things are pure, but unto those that are defiled and unfaithful, nothing is pure, but even their soul and conscience is defiled.

16 They profess that they know God, but in works they deny *him*, being abominable and rebellious and reprobate unto every good work.

Titus 2

- 1 ¶ But speak thou the things which are expedient unto sound doctrine,
2 that the aged men be temperate, venerable, prudent, sound in faith, in charity, in tolerance.
- 3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becomes holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of honesty;
4 that they may teach the young women to be prudent, to love their husbands, to love their children,
5 *to be* temperate, chaste, good housekeepers, subject to their own husbands, that the word of God not be blasphemed.
- 6 Young men likewise exhort to be temperate;
7 in all things showing thyself as an example of good works, in doctrine *showing* integrity, seriousness, purity,
8 sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that the adversary may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.
- 9 *Exhort* slaves to be subject to their own masters *and* to please *them* well in all *things*; not contradicting;
10 not defrauding, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.
- 11 ¶ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,
12 teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live temperately, righteously, and godly in this present world;
13 waiting for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ,
14 who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a people of his own, zealous of good works.
- 15 ¶ These things speak and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise thee.

Titus 3

1 ¶ Admonish them to be subject to dominion and power, and to persuade *those who have* authority, that they be quick unto every good work.

2 That *they* speak evil of no one, that *they* not be contentious, *but* gentle, showing all meekness unto all men.

3 For we ourselves also were foolish in another time, rebellious, deceived, serving diverse lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

6 which he poured out abundantly in us through Jesus, the Christ, our Saviour;

7 that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8 The Word is faithful, and I desire that thou affirm this constantly, that those who have believed God might be careful to conduct themselves in good works. This is good and profitable unto men.

9 ¶ But avoid foolish questions and genealogies and contentions and debates *concerning* the law, for they are unprofitable and vain.

10 A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject him,
11 knowing that he that is such is subverted and sins, being condemned of his own judgment.

12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee or Tychicus, procure to come unto me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there.

13 Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on ahead, procuring that nothing be lacking unto them.

14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they not be unfruitful.

15 All that are with me salute thee. Greet those that love us in the faith.
Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to
Philemon

1 ¶ Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy, *our* brother, unto Philemon, our dearly beloved and fellowlabourer,

2 And to *our* beloved *sister*, Apphia, and Archippus, our fellowsoldier and to the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} in thy house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

5 hearing of thy charity and faith, which thou hast in the Lord Jesus and toward all saints;

6 that the communication of thy faith may become effectual for the knowledge of all the good that is in you by Christ Jesus.

7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy charity because the bowels of the saints have been refreshed by thee, brother.

8 ¶ Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to command thee that which is expedient,

9 yet for the sake of charity I rather beseech *thee*, being such a one as Paul the aged and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds,

11 who in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now is profitable to thee and to me,

12 whom I send again unto thee; therefore, receive him, as you would receive me.

13 I desired to retain him with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel,

14 but I did not want to do anything without thy counsel, that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

15 Perhaps for this, he departed from you for a season, that thou should have him again forever,

16 not now as a slave, but above a slave, a brother beloved, especially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord.

17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.

18 If he has wronged thee or owes *thee* anything, put that on my account;

19 I Paul have written *it* with my own hand, I will repay *it*; albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

20 Therefore, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord, that thou might refresh my heart in the Lord.

21 Having confidence in thy obedience, I have written unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

22 In the same manner prepare me also a lodging; for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

23 Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus, salutes thee.

24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

The Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the
Hebrews

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Hebrews 1

1 ¶ God, having spoken many times and in many ways in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 has in these last times spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the ages;

3 who being the brightness of his glory and the *express* image of his substance and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 ¶ being made so much better than the angels, as he has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5 For unto which of the angels did he say at any time, Thou art my Son, this day I have begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

6 And again, when he brought in the firstbegotten into the world, he said, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7 And of the angels he said, Who makes his angels spirits and his ministers a flame of fire.

8 But unto the Son *he said*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a rod of equity *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore, God, *even* thy God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10 And Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth;
and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

11 they shall perish; but thou dost remain; and they all shall wax old as doth
a garment;

12 and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed; but
thou art the same, and thy years shall never fail.

13 But to which of the angels did he say at any time, Sit on my right hand
until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth in service for the love of
those who are the heirs of saving health?

Hebrews 2

1 ¶ Therefore, it is necessary that we with more diligence keep the things which we have heard, so that we do not fall.

2 For if the word spoken by *the ministry of* angels was steadfast and every rebellion and disobedience received a just recompense of reward,

3 how shall we escape, if we belittle such great saving health? Which, having begun to be published by the Lord, has been confirmed unto us by those that heard him,

4 God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders and with diverse miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributing them according to his own will.

5 ¶ For unto the angels he has not subjected the world to come, of which we speak.

6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou dost visit him?

7 Thou didst make him a little lower than the angels; thou didst crown him with glory and honour and didst set him over the works of thy hands.

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we *do* not see yet that all things are put under him.

9 But we see this same Jesus, crowned with glory and honour, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10 ¶ For it was expedient that he, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, preparing to bring forth many sons in *his* glory, should perfect the author of their saving health through sufferings.

11 For both he that sanctifies and those who are sanctified *are* all of one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee.

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God has given me.

14 ¶ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same, that through death he might destroy him that had the empire of death, that is, the devil,

15 and deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to slavery.

16 For verily he did not take the angels, but he took the seed of Abraham.

17 Therefore in all things he should be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself has suffered and was tempted, he is also powerful to help those that are tempted.

Hebrews 3

1 ¶ Therefore, brethren, saints, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus,

2 who was faithful to him that appointed him over all his house, as also Moses *was faithful*.

3 For this *man* was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who has built the house has more honour than the house.

4 For every house is built by someone, but he that created all things *is* God.

5 And Moses verily *was* faithful over all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after,

6 but Christ as *a* son over his own house, which house we are, if we hold fast the confidence and the glorious hope firmly until the end.

7 ¶ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit saith, Today if ye will hear his voice,

8 harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 Where your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

10 Therefore, I was indignant with that generation and said, They do always err from *their* heart, and they have not known my ways.

11 So I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.

12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unfaithfulness, to depart from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;

15 while it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

16 For some of those that came out of Egypt with Moses, when they had heard, did provoke; howbeit not all.

17 But with whom was he indignant forty years? *Was it* not with those that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom he swore that they should not enter into his rest, but to those that disobeyed?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of *their* unbelief.

Hebrews 4

1 ¶ Let us, therefore, fear, lest a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them, but it did not profit those that heard the word without mixing *it* with faith.

3 (For we who have believed do enter into the rest) as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For he spoke in a certain place of the seventh *day* like this, And God rested the seventh day from all his works.

5 And in this *place* again, They shall not enter into my rest.

6 Seeing, therefore, it remains that some must enter therein, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter in because of disobedience;

7 Again, he determines a certain day, *saying*, Today, by David so long a time afterward; as it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then he would not afterward have spoken of another day.

9 There remains therefore a rest {Gr. Sabbatismos} for the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.

11 ¶ Let us therefore make haste to enter into that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience.

12 For the word of God *is* alive and efficient and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 Neither is there any created thing that is not manifested in his presence, but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him of whom we speak.

14 Having, therefore, a great high priest who penetrated the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast this profession *of our hope*.

15 For we *do* not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted like as we *are*, yet without sin.

16 Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of his grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 5

1 ¶ For every high priest is taken from among men, constituted on behalf of men in things relating to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins,

2 who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those that are in error; for he himself is also compassed with weakness.

3 And by reason of this he ought, as for the people so also for himself, to offer for sins.

4 And no one takes this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as *was* Aaron.

5 So also the Christ did not glorify himself to make himself high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son; today have I begotten thee.

6 As he said also in another *place*, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, was heard because of *his* reverent fear;

8 although he was the Son *of God*, yet he learned obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal saving health unto all those that hearken unto him,

10 ¶ named by God high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

11 Of whom we have many things to say and difficult to declare, seeing ye are hard of hearing.

12 For you should now be teaching *others*, if we look at the time, *yet* you need to be taught again which *are* the first elements of the oracles of God and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong food.

13 For any one that uses milk *is* not qualified in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

14 But strong food belongs to those that are perfect, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 6

1 ¶ Therefore, leaving now the word of the beginning *of the establishment* of the Christ, let us go on unto perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from works of death, and of faith in God,

2 of the doctrine of *the* baptisms, and of *the* laying on of hands, and of *the* resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

3 And this we will indeed do, if God permits.

4 For *it is* impossible that those who once received the light and tasted of that heavenly gift and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit

5 and likewise have tasted the good word of God and the virtue of the age to come,

6 and have backslidden, be renewed again by repentance, crucifying again for themselves the Son of God and putting him to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that comes often upon it and brings forth herbs in season for those by whom it is dressed receives blessing from God;

8 but that which bears thorns and briers *is* rejected and *is* near unto cursing, whose end *shall be* by fire.

9 ¶ But, beloved, we expect better things than these of you, *things* near unto saving health, though we thus speak.

10 For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labour of charity which ye have showed in his name, having helped the saints and helping them.

11 But we desire that each one of you show the same diligence until the end for the fulfillment of *your* hope,

12 that ye not become slothful, but imitators of those who by faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God promised unto Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

14 saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee and multiplying I will multiply thee.

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men verily swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all controversy.

17 In which God, desiring to show more abundantly unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath,

18 that by two immutable things, in which *it is* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us,

19 which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters even *into* that which is within the veil,

20 where *our* precursor, Jesus, has entered for us *and is* made high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 7

1 ¶ For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2 to whom Abraham also gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is King of peace;

3 without father, without mother, without lineage, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God; abides a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this one *was*, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

5 And verily those that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they also have come out of the loins of Abraham;

6 but he whose descent is not counted in those took tithes from Abraham and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without any contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

8 In the same manner, here men that die take tithes; but there he *received them*, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.

9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who received tithes, paid tithes in Abraham.

10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

11 ¶ If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need *was there* that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec and not be called after the order of Aaron?

12 For the priesthood being transposed, there is made of necessity a translation also of the law.

13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertains to another tribe, of which no one presided *at* the altar.

14 For *it is* manifest that our Lord sprang out of Juda, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more manifest: if there arises another priest who is like unto Melchisedec,

16 who is not made according to the law of a carnal commandment, but by the virtue of an indissoluble life;

17 for the testimony is of this manner, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness of it;

19 for the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope *did*, by which we draw near unto God.

20 And *even more*, inasmuch as it *is* not without an oath

21 (for the others indeed without an oath were made priests, but this one with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord swore and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec);

22 by so much better testament is Jesus made surety.

23 And the others, truly, were many priests because they were not able to continue by reason of death:

24 but this *man*, because he continues forever, has the intransmissible priesthood.

25 Therefore he is able also to save to the uttermost those that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.

26 For it was expedient that we have such a high priest, *who is* holy, innocent, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens,

27 who needs not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins and then for the people's; for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

28 For the law makes men high priests who have weakness; but the word of the oath, which was after the law, has made perfect *a* Son forever.

Hebrews 8

1 ¶ Now of the things which we have spoken, *this is* the sum: We have such a high priest who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

2 a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices; therefore, *it is* also necessary that this one have something to offer.

4 For if he were on earth, he should not even be a priest, being present still the other priests that offer gifts according to the law,

5 (who serve as an example and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was admonished *of God* when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern showed unto thee in the mount);

6 ¶ but now a more excellent ministry is his, in that he is the mediator of a better testament, which was established upon better promises.

7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place should have been sought for the second.

8 For finding fault with them, he said, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new testament with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

9 not according to the testament that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, because they did not continue in my testament, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10 For this *is* the testament that I will ordain to the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord: I will give my laws into their soul and write them upon their hearts, and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 and no one shall teach his neighbour nor anyone his brother, saying, Know the Lord, for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For I will reconcile their iniquities and their sins, and their iniquities I will remember no more.

13 In that he says, New, he has made the first old. Now that which decays and waxes old *is* ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 9

1 ¶ Nevertheless the first had *its* justifications of worship and *its* worldly sanctuary.

2 For there was a tabernacle made: the first, in which *was* the lampstand and the table and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary.

3 And after the second veil *was* the tabernacle which is called the holy of holies,

4 which had a golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, in which *was* the golden urn that had the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the testament,

5 and over it the cherubim of glory shadowing the seat of reconciliation, of which we cannot now speak particularly.

6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service *of God*.

7 But into the second the high priest *went* alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for his *own* ignorance, and *for* that of the people:

8 ¶ The Holy Spirit signifying in this, that the way into the sanctuary was not yet made manifest, as long as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

9 Which *was* a figure of that time present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience,

10 but in foods and drinks and different washings and carnal ordinances, imposed *on them* until the time of correction.

11 But Christ being now come, high priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation,

12 neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the sanctuary designed for eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctified to the purifying of the flesh,

14 how much more shall the blood of the Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from the

works of death to serve the living God?

15 ¶ And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, so that death intervening for the redemption of the rebellions *that took place* under the first testament, those who are called might receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

16 For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity intervene *the* death of the testator.

17 For a testament *is* confirmed by the death: otherwise it is not valid as long as the testator lives.

18 From which came that not even the first *one* was dedicated without blood.

19 For when Moses had read every commandment of the law to all the people, taking the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, he sprinkled both the book and all the people,

20 saying, This *is* the blood of the testament which God has commanded unto you.

21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood, and without shedding of blood *there* is no remission.

23 ¶ So that it was necessary that the figures of the heavenly things should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ is not entered into the sanctuary made with hands (which is a figure of the true), but into the heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us,

25 nor yet that he should offer himself many times (as the high priest enters into the sanctuary each year with blood that is not his own);

26 otherwise it would have been necessary for him to suffer many times since the foundation of the world; but now once in the consummation of the ages he has appeared to abolish sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And as it is appointed unto men to die once, and after this the judgment;

28 so also the Christ is offered once to take away the sins of many; and unto those that wait for him without sin he shall appear the second time unto

saving health.

Hebrews 10

1 ¶ For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never make perfect those who come by the same sacrifices which they offer year by year continually.

2 Otherwise, they would cease to offer them, because those that sacrifice, once purged, would have no more conscience of sin.

3 But in these *sacrifices* each year *the same* remembrance of sins is made.

4 For the blood of bulls and of goats cannot take away sins.

5 Therefore when he came into the world, he said, Sacrifice and offering thou dost not desire, but a body hast thou prepared me;

6 in burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

7 ¶ Then said I, Behold, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God.

8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou dost not desire, neither hadst pleasure *therein*, which are offered by the law;

9 then he said, Behold, I come to do thy will, O God. He took away the first, that he may establish the second.

10 In this will, we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus, the Christ, once *for all*.

11 And so every priest stands daily ministering and offering many times the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins,

12 but this *man*, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, is seated at the right hand of God,

13 waiting for that which follows, *that is*, until his enemies are made his footstool.

14 For by one offering he has perfected for ever those that are sanctified.

15 Likewise the Holy Spirit gives us the same witness, who afterwards said,

16 This is the testament that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will give my laws in their hearts, and in their souls will I write them;

17 and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18 Now where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for sin.

19 ¶ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,

20 by a new and living way, which he has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 and *having* that great priest over the house of God,

22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts purified from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water;

23 let us hold fast the profession of *our* hope without wavering (for he *is* faithful that promised).

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto charity and unto good works,

25 not forsaking our gathering together, as the manner of some *is*, but exhorting *one another* and so much the more, when ye see that day approaching.

26 For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins,

27 but a certain fearful hope of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

28 He that despised the law of Moses died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

29 Of how much greater punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who has trodden underfoot the Son of God and has counted the blood of the covenant, with which he was sanctified, an unholy thing and has done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know *who he is* that has said, Vengeance *belongs* to me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 But bring to memory the former days, in which, after ye received the light, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;

33 on the one hand ye were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and on the other ye became companions of those that were so used.

34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing that in yourselves ye have a better substance in the heavens, and that abides.

35 Do not lose, therefore, this your confidence, which has great recompense of reward;

36 for patience is necessary, so that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come and will not tarry.

38 Now the just shall live by faith, but if *any man* draws back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of those who draw back unto perdition, but faithful unto the saving of the soul.

Hebrews 11

1 ¶ Faith, therefore, is the substance of things waited for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through faith we understand that the ages were framed by the word of God, that which is seen being made of that which was not seen.

4 ¶ By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts, and by it he being dead yet speaks.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death, and was not found because God had translated him, for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please God; for he that comes to God must believe that he is and *that* he is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him.

7 By faith Noah, having received revelation of things not seen as yet, with great care prepared an ark to the saving of his house, by which he condemned the world and was made heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

8 By faith Abraham, being called, hearkened to go out into the place which he should afterwards receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the promised land, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in booths with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

10 for he looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

11 By faith also Sara herself *being sterile* received strength to conceive seed and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she believed him to be faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore there sprang even of one, and him as good as dead, so *many* as the stars of the sky in multitude and as the sand which is by the sea shore

innumerable.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but seeing them afar off and believing *them* and embracing *them* and confessing that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For those that say such things declare plainly that they seek their native country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from which they came out, they might have had time to have returned.

16 But now they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly one; therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac, and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*,

18 of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called,

19 accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence he also received him in a figure.

20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning what they should become.

21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph, and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff.

22 By faith Joseph, as he died, made mention of the departing of the sons of Israel, and gave *a* commandment concerning his bones.

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months by his parents because they saw *he was* a beautiful child, and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season,

26 esteeming the reproach of the Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28 By faith he kept the passover and the sprinkling of the blood lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry *land*, which the Egyptians attempted to do *and* were drowned.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were compassed about seven days.

31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish together with the disobedient, having received the spies with peace.

32 ¶ And what shall I more say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon and *of* Barak and *of* Samson and *of* Jephthae, *of* David also and Samuel and *of* the prophets,

33 who by faith won kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered from infirmities, were made valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of foreign *enemies*;

35 women received their dead raised to life again, and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance that they might obtain a better resurrection;

36 and others experienced *cruel* mockings and scourgings, and added to this, bonds and imprisonment;

37 they were stoned; they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; poor, afflicted, mistreated,

38 (of whom the world was not worthy); they wandered in deserts and *in* mountains and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

39 And these all, approved by testimony of faith, received not the promise,

40 God having provided some better thing for us, that *they* without us should not be made perfect.

Hebrews 12

1 ¶ Therefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, leaving behind all the weight of the sin which surrounds us, let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who having been offered joy, endured the *cross*, {Gr. *stauros-stake*} *despising the shame and was seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself lest ye be wearied in your souls and faint.

4 ¶ Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, fighting against sin.

5 And ye have quite forgotten the consolation which speaks unto you as unto sons, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art reprov'd of him:

6 for whom the Lord loves, he chastens and scourges everyone whom he receives as *a* son.

7 If ye endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father does not chasten?

8 But if ye are without chastisement, of which all *the sons* are partakers, then ye are bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh who corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence; is it not much better to be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and we shall live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened *us* as it seemed good unto them, but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness.

11 It is true that no chastening at present seems to be *cause* for joy, but rather for grief; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto those who are exercised by it.

12 Therefore, lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,

13 and make straight steps unto your feet, so that which is lame will not turn out of the way, but let it rather be healed.

14 Follow peace with everyone and holiness, without which no one shall see the Lord:

15 looking diligently that no one deviate from the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up impede *you*, and thereby many be defiled,

16 lest there *be* any fornicator or profane person as Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterward, desiring to inherit the blessing, he was rejected; for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

18 ¶ For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched and that burned with fire nor unto blackness and darkness and tempest

19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, which *voice* those that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more;

20 (for they could not endure that which was commanded, and if so much as a beast should touch the mountain, it shall be stoned or thrust through with a dart:

21 and so terrible was the sight *that* Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake);

22 but ye are come unto Mount Sion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 to the congregation of the called out ones of the firstborn, who are registered in the heavens and to God the Judge of all and to the spirits of just men made perfect

24 and to Jesus, the mediator of the new testament and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaks better than *that of* Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse him that speaks. For if those who refused him that spoke on earth did not escape, much less *shall we escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaks* from the heavens,

26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now he has promised, saying, Yet even once, I shall shake not the earth only, but also the heaven.

27 And this *word*, Yet even once, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us hold fast to the grace, by which we serve God, pleasing him with reverence and godly fear:

29 for our God *is* a consuming fire.

Hebrews 13

1 ¶ Let brotherly love continue.

2 Do not forget to show hospitality; for thereby some, having entertained angels, were kept.

3 Remember those that are in bonds as bound with them *and* those who suffer adversity as being yourselves also in the body.

4 Let marriage *be* honourable in all and the bed undefiled; but the fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

5 *Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness, *and be* content with such things as ye have; for he has said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

7 Remember your pastors, who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow, considering the end of *their* conversation:

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and for the ages.

9 Be not taken out of the way with diverse and strange doctrines. For *it is* a good thing that the heart be established with grace, not with foods which have not profited those that have been occupied with them.

10 We have an altar, of which those who serve the tabernacle have no faculty to eat.

11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

12 Therefore, Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered outside the gate.

13 Let us go forth, therefore, unto him outside the camp, bearing his reproach.

14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one that is coming.

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips confessing his name.

16 Do not forget to do good and to fellowship; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 Listen to your pastors, and do not resist them, for they watch for your souls as those that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that *is* unprofitable for you.

18 ¶ Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience in all things desiring to conduct ourselves well.

19 And I beseech *you* all the more to do this, that I may be restored unto you sooner.

20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal testament,
21 make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory for the ages of the ages. Amen.

22 And I beseech you, brethren, that ye receive *this* word of exhortation, that I have written unto you briefly.

23 Know ye that *our* brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he comes shortly, I will see you.

24 Salute all thy pastors and all the saints. The *brethren* of Italy salute you.

25 Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

The Universal Epistle of
James

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James 1

1 ¶ James, {Gr. Jacob} a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus, the Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 ¶ My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse trials,

3 knowing that the proving of your faith works patience,

4 and the patience finishes the work, that ye may be perfect and entire, not lacking in anything.

5 And if any of you lacks wisdom, let them ask of God (who gives abundantly to all, and without reproach), and it shall be given them.

6 But ask in faith, not doubting anything. For *he* that doubts is like the wave of the sea which is driven of the wind and is tossed from one side to another.

7 For let not such a man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

8 The double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in his high status;

10 and he who is rich, in his low status, because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withers the grass, and its flower falls, and the beautiful appearance of it perishes: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

12 Blessed is the man that *patiently* endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those that love him.

13 ¶ Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither does he tempt anyone:

14 But each one is tempted, when they are drawn away of their own lust and enticed.

15 Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning.

18 He, of his own will, has begotten us with the word of truth, that we should be the firstfruits of his creatures.

19 ¶ Therefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

20 for the wrath of man does not work the righteousness of God.

21 So then, leave all uncleanness and remains of malice and receive with meekness the word ingested within you, which is able to cause your souls to be saved.

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if anyone hears the word and does not put it into practice, this same is like unto the man beholding his natural face in a mirror:

24 For he considered himself and went his way and in one hour forgot what he was like.

25 But whosoever has looked *attentively* into the perfect law of liberty and has persevered *in it*, not being a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, the same shall be blessed in their deed.

26 If anyone among you thinks to be religious and does not bridle his tongue, but deceives his own heart, his religion *is* vain.

27 The pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulation *and* to keep thyself unspotted from this world.

James 2

1 ¶ My brethren, do not have the faith of our Lord Jesus, the glorious Christ, with respect of persons.

2 For if a man with a gold ring and in precious apparel comes into your synagogue and a poor person in vile raiment also comes in,

3 and ye have respect to him that wears the precious clothing and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there or sit here under my footstool:

4 Are ye not then judging in yourselves and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Has not God chosen the poor of this world *that they might be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to those that love him?

6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not the rich oppress you with tyranny and draw you *with violence* to the courts?

7 Do they not blaspheme that worthy name by which ye are called?

8 ¶ If ye truly fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well;

9 but if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin and are accused of the law as rebels.

10 For whosoever shall have kept the whole law, and then offends in one *point* is made guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Thou shalt not commit adultery, said also, Thou shalt not murder. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou *commit* murder, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye and so do as those that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13 For judgment without mercy shall be done unto the one that has shown no mercy; and mercy boasts against judgment.

14 ¶ My brethren, What shall it profit though someone says *that* they have faith and do not have works? Shall this type of faith be able to save them?

15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,

16 and one of you says unto them, Depart in peace; be ye warmed and filled; but ye do not give them those things which are needful for the body; what *shall it* profit them?

17 Even so faith, if it does not have works, is dead in and of itself.

18 But someone may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that God is one; thou doest well; the demons also believe and tremble.

20 But, O vain man, dost thou desire to know that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar?

22 Dost thou not see how the faith worked together with his works, and the faith was complete by the works?

23 And that the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness, and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith.

25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

James 3

1 ¶ My brethren, make not unto yourselves many teachers, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2 For we all offend in many things. If any man offends not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to govern the whole body with restraint.

3 Behold, we put bits (*or restraint*) in the horses' mouths to persuade them, and we govern their whole body.

4 Behold also the ships, which though *they are* so great are driven of fierce winds, yet they are governed with a very small rudder, wherever the governor desires.

5 In the same manner, the tongue is a very small member and boasts of great things. Behold, how great a forest a little fire kindles!

6 And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of our nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every nature of beasts and of birds and of serpents and of beings in the sea may be tamed and is tamed by mankind,

8 but no man can tame the tongue, which is an evil that cannot be restrained and is full of deadly poison.

9 With it we bless God, even the Father; and with it we curse men, who are made in the image of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

11 Does a fountain send forth at the same place *both* sweet and bitter *water*?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, produce olive berries? or the vine, figs? In the same manner no fountain *can* yield both salt water and fresh.

13 ¶ Who is wise and ready among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works in meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, boast not and do not be liars against the truth.

15 This wisdom is not that which descends from above, but *is* earthly, natural, diabolical.

16 For where there is envy and contention, there *is* confusion and every perverse work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, modest, benevolent, full of mercy and of good fruits, not judgmental, unfeigned.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace unto those that make peace.

James 4

1 ¶ Where do the wars and disputes *come* from among you? *Is it not* from here, *that is to say*, of your lusts which fight in your members?

2 Ye covet and have not; ye murder, and have envy and cannot obtain; ye fight and war and have not that which ye desire because ye ask not.

3 Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your pleasures.

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore that desires to be a friend of the world, makes himself the enemy of God.

5 Do ye think that the scripture says in vain, The spirit that dwells in us lusts to envy?

6 But he gives greater grace. Therefore he says, God resists the proud, but gives grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.

9 Be afflicted and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

11 ¶ Murmur not against one another, brethren. He that speaks evil of *his* brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law; but if thou judge the law, thou art not a keeper of the law, but a judge.

12 There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou to judge another?

13 Come now, ye that say, Today and tomorrow we will go into such a city and continue there a year and buy and sell and get gain;

14 and ye do not know what shall be tomorrow. For what *is* your life? Certainly it is a vapour that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

15 Ye *ought* to say instead, If the Lord wills, and if we live, we shall do this or that.

16 But now ye boast in your arrogance; all such glory is evil.

17 Therefore sin is *still* in the one that knows to do good and does not do *it*.

James 5

1 ¶ Come now, Oh ye rich, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon *you*.

2 Your riches are rotten, and your garments are motheaten.

3 Your gold and silver is corrupted with rust; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you and shall completely eat your flesh, as fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped your fields (which you have kept back by fraud) cries out; and the cries of those who have reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of the hosts.

5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth and been wanton; ye have refreshed your hearts, as in the day of slaughter *of sacrifices*.

6 Ye have condemned *and* murdered the just, *and* he does not resist you.

7 Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently until it receives the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient and confirm your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draws near.

9 Complain not one against another, brethren, that ye not be condemned: behold, the judge stands before the door.

10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

11 Behold, we count blessed those who endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job and have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very merciful, and full of compassion.

12 ¶ But above all things, my brethren, do not swear by heaven or by the earth or by any other oath, but let your yes be yes and *your* no, no; lest ye fall into condemnation.

13 Is anyone among you afflicted? let them pray. Is anyone happy? let them sing.

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the *congregation*; {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} and let them pray for him, anointing him

with oil in the name of the Lord;

15 and the prayer of faith shall cause the one who is sick to be saved, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he shall be forgiven them.

16 Confess *your* faults one to another and pray one for another that ye may be whole. The effectual prayer of the righteous *is* very powerful.

17 Elijah was a man subject to passions like unto ours, and he asked in prayer that it might not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

19 Brethren, if any of you have erred from the truth, and someone should convert him;

20 let *that one* know, that whosoever causes the sinner to convert from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall cover a multitude of sins.

The First Universal Epistle of
Peter

1 2 3 4 5

1 Peter 1

1 ¶ Peter, apostle of Jesus, the Christ, to the strangers scattered in Pontus, in Galatia, in Cappadocia, in Asia, and in Bithynia,

2 chosen (according to the foreknowledge of God the Father) in sanctification of the Spirit, to obey and be sprinkled with the blood of Jesus, the Christ, Grace and peace, be multiplied unto you.

3 ¶ Praised *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, the Christ, who according to his great mercy has begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, from the dead,

4 unto the incorruptible inheritance that cannot be defiled and that does not fade away, conserved in the heavens for you,

5 who are kept in the virtue of God by faith, to attain unto the saving health which is made ready to be manifested in the last time.

6 ¶ In which ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are afflicted in diverse temptations,

7 that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold (which perishes, nevertheless it is tried with fire), might be found unto praise and glory and honour when Jesus, the Christ, is made manifest;

8 whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though at present ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory;

9 receiving the end of your faith, *even* the saving health of your souls.

10 ¶ Of which saving health the prophets, (who prophesied of the grace that was to come in you) have enquired and searched diligently;

11 searching when and in what point of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, which announced beforehand the afflictions that were to come upon the Christ, and the glory that should follow them.

12 Unto whom it was revealed that not unto themselves, but unto us they did administer the things, which are now announced unto you by those that have preached the gospel unto you by the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven, which things the angels desire to look into.

13 ¶ Therefore, having the loins of your understanding girded with temperance, wait perfectly in the grace that is presented unto you when Jesus, the Christ, is manifested unto you,

14 as obedient sons, not conforming yourselves with the former desires that you had before in your ignorance,

15 but as he who has called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 for it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye invoke as Father, he who without respect of persons judges according to the work of each one, converse in fear the entire time of your sojourning *here*,

18 knowing that ye have been ransomed from your vain conversation (which you received from your fathers), not with corruptible things *like* silver and gold,

19 but with the precious blood of the Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without contamination,

20 already ordained from before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for love of you,

21 who by him do believe God, who raised him up from the dead and has given him glory: that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Having purified your souls in the obedience of the truth, by the Spirit, in unfeigned brotherly love, love one another with a pure heart fervently,

23 being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever.

24 ¶ For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away,

25 but the word of the Lord endures for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1 Peter 2

1 ¶ Having therefore left all malice and all guile and hypocrisies and envies and all murmurings,

2 as newborn babes, desire the rational milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby in health;

3 if so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* benevolent;

4 ¶ coming unto whom (is the living Stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious),

5 ye also, as living stones, *are* built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, well pleasing to God by Jesus, the Christ.

6 Therefore, also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion the chief corner stone, chosen, precious; and he that believes on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you, therefore, who believe *he is* precious; but unto those who are disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8 and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, *even to those* who stumble at the word, not obeying in that for which they were ordained.

9 But ye are the chosen generation, *a* royal priesthood, *a* holy nation, *an* acquired people, that ye should show forth the virtues of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

10 Ye who in the time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God, who in the time past had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from the carnal desires which war against the soul

12 and have your honest conversation among the Gentiles, so that, in that which they murmur about you as of evildoers, having witnessed *your* good works, they may glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 ¶ Therefore, be subject to every human ordinance *that is* of the Lord, whether it be to a king or to a superior,

14 and unto governors as unto those that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those that do well.

15 For this is the will of God, that *in* well doing ye may silence the ignorance of vain men,

16 as being free, yet not using *your* liberty to cover maliciousness, but as slaves of God.

17 Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

18 Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and humane, but also to the unjust.

19 For this *is* due to grace, if a man for conscience toward God endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

20 For what glory *is it* if, when ye are buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* due to grace from God.

21 Because for this were ye called: for the Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps

22 who did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth,

23 who, when he was cursed, did not return the curse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but committed *himself* to him that judges righteously;

24 he himself bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose wound ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep that had gone astray, but are now converted unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

1 Peter 3

1 ¶ Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands, so that also those who do not obey the Word, may be won without a word by the conversation of their wives,

2 considering your chaste conversation which is in fear.

3 Let their adorning not be outward with ostentatious hairdos and wearing of gold nor in composition of apparel,

4 but *let* the interior adorning of the heart be without corruption, and of an agreeable spirit and peaceful, which is precious in the sight of God.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who waited upon God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands,

6 as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, of whom ye are made daughters, doing well and not being afraid of any terror.

7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* wisely, giving honour unto the woman, as unto a more fragile vessel and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers not be hindered.

8 ¶ And finally, *be ye* all of one consent, of one affection, loving each other fraternally, merciful, courteous,

9 not rendering evil for evil or curse for curse, but to the contrary, blessing, knowing that ye are called, that ye should possess a blessing by inheritance.

10 For he that desires to love life and see the good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile;

11 let him separate himself from evil and do good; let him seek peace and follow it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord *is* against those that do evil.

13 And who *is* he that can harm you, if ye are followers of that which is good?

14 But also if ye suffer anything for righteousness' sake, blessed *are ye*; therefore, be not afraid of their terror neither be troubled,

15 but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and *be* ready always to respond to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and reverence,

16 ¶ having a good conscience, so in that which they murmur against you as of evildoers, those that blaspheme your good conversation in the Christ may be confused.

17 For *it is* better (if the will of God so desires) that ye suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

18 ¶ For the Christ also has once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in spirit,

19 in which he also went and preached unto the imprisoned spirits,

20 which in the time past were disobedient, when once the patience of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was *being* made ready, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

21 ¶ Unto the figure of which the baptism that does now correspond saves us (not taking away the uncleanness of the flesh, but giving testimony of a good conscience before God) by the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ,

22 who is at the right hand of God, having ascended into heaven, unto whom the angels and the authorities and powers are subject.

1 Peter 4

1 ¶ Since the Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, be ye also armed with the same thought; for he that has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,
2 so that now the time that remains in the flesh, he might live, not unto the lusts of men, but unto the will of God.

3 For it should suffice us that during the time past of *our* life we had done the will of the Gentiles, when we conversed in lasciviousness, lusts, drunkenness, gluttony, orgies, and abominable idolatries.

4 ¶ And it seems strange to those that speak evil of you, that ye do not run with *them* to the same unchecked dissolution;

5 the same shall give account to him that is ready to judge the living and the dead.

6 Because for this cause was the gospel preached also to those that are dead, that they might be judged in flesh according to men, but live in spirit according to God.

7 ¶ But the end of all things is at hand; be ye, therefore, temperate and watch unto prayer.

8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover *a* multitude of sins.

9 Lovingly be hospitable one to another without murmuring.

10 Let each one according to the gift that he has received, administer it unto the others, as a good steward of the diverse graces of God.

11 If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if anyone ministers, *let them do it* according to the virtue which God gives, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus, the Christ, unto whom is glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12 ¶ Beloved, think it not strange when you are tried by fire (which is done to prove you) as though some strange thing happened unto you,

13 but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of the afflictions of the Christ, so that also in the revelation of his glory, ye may rejoice in triumph.

14 If ye are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are ye*; for the glory and the Spirit of God rests upon you; certainly on their part he is

blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified.

15 So let none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as* a thief, or *as* an evildoer, or as desirous of the things of others.

16 But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf.

17 For it is time that the judgment begins from the house of God; and if *it* first *begins* with us, what shall the end *be* of those that do not obey the gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous are saved with difficulty, where shall the unfaithful and the sinner appear?

19 Therefore, let those that are afflicted according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *unto him* as unto a faithful Creator, doing good.

1 Peter 5

1 ¶ The elders who are among you I exhort (I am also an elder with them and a witness of the afflictions of the Christ, and also a participant of the glory that shall be revealed).

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, caring for her, not by force, but willingly; not for shameful lucre, but with willing desire;

3 and not as having lordship over the heritage of the Lord, but in such a manner as to be examples of the flock.

4 And when the great Prince of the pastors shall appear, ye shall receive the incorruptible crown of glory.

5 ¶ Likewise, young people, be subject to the elders in such a manner that you are all subject to one another. Be clothed with humility of will, for God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time,

7 casting all your cares upon him, for he cares for you.

8 ¶ Be temperate and vigilant because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour,

9 resist him steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are to be accomplished in the company of your brethren that are in the world.

10 ¶ But the God of all grace, who has called us unto his eternal glory by Jesus, the Christ, after ye have suffered a little while, he himself perfects, confirms, strengthens, and establishes *you*.

11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother; (according to my reckoning), I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which ye stand.

13 Those *here* at Babylon, chosen together with *you*, salute you and so *does* Mark, my son.

14 Greet one another with a kiss of charity. Peace *be* with you all that are in Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

The Second Universal Epistle of
Peter

1 2 3

2 Peter 1

1 ¶ Simon Peter, slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those that have obtained like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you in the knowledge of God and of our Lord Jesus,

3 as all things that pertain to life and to godliness are given us of his divine power, through the knowledge of him that has called us by his glory and virtue,

4 whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be made participants of the divine nature, having fled the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 ¶ Ye also, giving all diligence to the same, show forth virtue in your faith; and in virtue, knowledge;

6 and in knowledge, temperance; and in temperance, patience; and in patience, fear of God;

7 and in fear of God, brotherly love; and in brotherly love, charity.

8 For if these things are in you and abound, they shall not let you be idle nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacks these things is blind and walks feeling the way with his hand, having forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, give all the more diligence to make your calling and election sure; for doing these things, ye shall never fall.

11 Because in this manner the entrance shall be abundantly administered unto you in the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 ¶ For this *reason*, I will not leave off reminding you always of these things, although ye know *them* and are established in the present truth.

13 Because I have *the* right (as long as I am in this tabernacle) to stir you up by reminding *you*,

14 knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ has declared unto me.

15 I will also make sure with diligence that after my decease ye might remember these things.

16 ¶ For we have not made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, following cunningly devised fables, but as eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven, when we were together with him in the holy mount.

19 ¶ We have also the most sure word of the prophets, unto which ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts,

20 understanding this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy did not come in times past by the will of man, but the holy men of God spoke being inspired by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 2

1 ¶ But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who covertly shall bring in destructive sects and shall deny the Lord that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the way of truth shall be blasphemed;

3 ¶ and in covetousness they shall make merchandise of you with feigned words, upon whom the condemnation from a long time ago does not delay, and their perdition does not sleep.

4 For if God did not forgive the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down into the deepest abyss {Gr. Tartarus} and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

5 and if *he* did not forgive the old world, but kept Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven other persons, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 and if *he* condemned by destruction the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha, turning them into ashes, making *them* an example unto those that after should live without fear and reverence of God;

7 ¶ and delivered just Lot, who was persecuted by those abominable *people* because of their nefarious conversation;

8 (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, afflicted *his* righteous soul from day to day with the deeds of those unjust *people*);

9 the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished;

10 ¶ and chiefly those that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise dominion; presumptuous, arrogant, they are not afraid to speak evil of the higher powers;

11 whereas even the angels, who are greater in power and might, bring no curse of judgment against them before the Lord.

12 But these, speaking evil of the things that they do not understand (as natural animals without reason, who are made to be taken and destroyed), shall utterly perish in their own corruption,

13 receiving the reward of their unrighteousness, *as* those that count it pleasure to live luxuriously every day. These are spots and blemishes, who eat *together* with you, while at the same time they revel in their deceit,

14 having their eyes full of adultery, and not knowing *how* to cease from sin, baiting unstable souls, having their heart exercised in covetous practices; cursed sons,

15 who forsaking the right way have erred, having followed the way of Balaam *the son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness,

16 and was rebuked for his iniquity; a dumb animal accustomed to a yoke (upon which he was seated), speaking with man's voice, hindered the madness of the prophet.

17 These are wells without water, clouds that are brought by *a* whirlwind, to whom gross darkness is reserved for ever.

18 For speaking arrogant words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from those who converse in error,

19 promising them liberty, being they themselves the slaves of corruption: for he who is overcome by someone is subject to bondage by the one that overcame him.

20 Certainly, if having separated themselves from the contaminations of the world, by the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they again entangle themselves therein and are overcome, their latter end is made worse for them than the beginnings.

21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

22 But it has happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog returns unto his own vomit, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

2 Peter 3

1 ¶ Beloved, I now write unto you this second epistle, in which I alert with exhortation your pure understanding,

2 that ye keep in memory the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets and of our commandment, that we are apostles of the Lord and Saviour,

3 ¶ knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts

4 and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the day in which the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

5 Of course, they willingly ignore that the heavens were *created* of old and the earth standing out of the water and in the water, by the word of God;

6 by which the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished;

7 but the heavens, which are now, and the earth are conserved by the same word, kept unto the fire in the day of judgment and of perdition of the ungodly men.

8 ¶ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day before the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years are as one day.

9 ¶ The Lord is not late concerning his promise, as some count lateness, but is patient with us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements, burning, shall be dissolved, and the earth and the works that are in it shall be burned up.

11 ¶ *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

12 waiting for and desiring earnestly for the coming of the day of God, in which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promises, wait for new heavens and a new earth, in which dwells righteousness.

14 Therefore, beloved, seeing that ye hope for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless.

15 And have as saving health the patience of our Lord, even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him has written unto you

16 in almost all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things, among which are some things *that* are hard to understand, which those that are ignorant and unstable twist, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye, therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* in advance, be on guard lest by the error of the wicked ye be deceived with the others and fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But grow in grace and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and until the day of eternity. Amen.

The First Universal Epistle of
John

1 2 3 4 5

1 John 1

1 ¶ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life

2 (for the life is manifested, and we also saw *it* and bear witness and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father and appeared unto us);

3 that which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, that ye also may have communion with us; and truly our communion *is* with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be fulfilled.

5 ¶ This then is the promise which we have heard of him and declare unto you, That God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth;

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have communion with him in the midst of us, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 ¶ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2

1 ¶ My little children, I write these things unto you, that ye sin not; and if anyone has sinned, we have an Advocate before the Father, Jesus, the righteous Christ;

2 and he is the reconciliation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

3 ¶ And in this we do know that we have known him if we keep his commandments.

4 He that says, I have known him, and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whosoever keeps his word, in him verily is the charity of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

6 He that says he abides in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

7 ¶ Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which is the truth in him and in you, because the darkness is past, and the true light now shines.

9 He that says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.

10 He that loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him.

11 But he that hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness and does not know where he goes, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

12 ¶ I write unto you, little children, that your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

13 I write unto you, fathers, that ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, that ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, that ye have known the Father.

14 I have written unto you, fathers, that ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, that ye are strong and the word of God abides in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

15 Love not the world neither the things *that are* in the world. If anyone loves the world, the charity of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passes away and the lust thereof, but he that does the will of God abides for ever.

18 ¶ Little children, it is the last hour, and as ye have heard that the antichrist comes, likewise there are also beginning to be many antichrists, by which we know that it is the last time.

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us; but *this happened* that it might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

20 ¶ But ye have the anointing of the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you as if ye ignore the truth, but as unto those that know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? This same is antichrist, who denies the Father and the Son.

23 Whosoever denies the Son, the same does not have the Father. Whosoever confesses the Son, has the Father also.

24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. For if that which ye have heard from the beginning shall abide in you, ye also shall *continue to* abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that he has promised us, *even* eternal life.

26 These *things* I have written unto you concerning those that seduce you.

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abides in you, and ye do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you of all things and is truth, and is no lie; and even as it has taught you, abide ye in him.

28 ¶ And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

29 If ye know that he is righteous, also know that any one that does righteousness is born of him.

1 John 3

1 ¶ Behold, what charity the Father has given us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world does not know us, because it does not know him.

2 Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be; but we know that if he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every one that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.

4 ¶ Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he appeared to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him.

6 Whosoever abides in him does not sin: whosoever sins has not seen him or known him.

7 Little children, let no one deceive you; he that does righteousness is righteous, even as he also is righteous.

8 He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God appeared, that he might undo the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for his seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this the sons of God are manifest, and the sons of the devil: whosoever does not righteousness and that loves not his brother is not of God.

11 ¶ For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, That we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, *who* was of the wicked one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hates you.

14 ¶ We know that we are passed from death unto life, in that we love the brethren. He that does not love *his* brother abides in death.

15 Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer and ye know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

16 In this we have known the charity *of God* because he laid down his life for us; we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

17 But whosoever has this world's goods and sees his brother have need and shuts up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how does the charity of God abide in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

19 And in this we know that we are of the truth and have our hearts certified before him.

20 ¶ And if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, *then* we have confidence in God;

22 and whatsoever we ask, we receive of him because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 ¶ And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he has commanded us.

24 And he that keeps his commandments dwells in him, and he in him. And in this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

1 John 4

1 ¶ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 In this know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in flesh is of God:

3 And every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ is come in flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, of which ye have heard that it should come, and that now it is already in the world.

4 ¶ Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

5 They are of the world; therefore, they speak of the world, and the world hears them.

6 We are of God; he that knows God hears us; he that is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

7 ¶ Beloved, let us love one another, for charity is of God. Anyone that loves is born of God and knows God.

8 He that does not love does not know God, for God is charity.

9 In this was the charity of God demonstrated in us, in that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 In this does the charity consist, not because we had loved God, but because he loved us and has sent his Son *to be* the reconciliation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and his charity is completed in us.

13 In this we know that we abide in him, and he in us, in that he has given us of his Spirit.

14 ¶ And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the charity that God has in us. God is charity, and he that abides in charity abides in God, and God in him.

17 ¶ In this the charity with us is made perfect, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, that as he is, so are we in this world.

18 In charity there is no fear; but charity that is perfect casts out fear; because fear has torment; from which he that fears is not complete in charity.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 If anyone says, I love God and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he that does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

21 And we have this commandment from him, That he who loves God loves his brother also.

1 John 5

1 ¶ Whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and anyone that loves him that begat also loves him that is born of him.

2 In this we know that we love the sons of God, when we love God and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the charity of God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, *even* our faith.

5 Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 ¶ This is Jesus, the Christ, who came by water and blood; not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit is he that bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.

7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness on earth, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree in one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he has testified of his Son.

10 ¶ He that believes in the Son of God has the witness of God in himself; he that does not believe God has made God a liar; because he does not believe the witness that God has testified of his Son.

11 And this is the witness, that God has given eternal life to us, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that has the Son has life; *and* he that does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 These things I have written unto you that believe in the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life and that ye may believe in the name of the Son of God.

14 ¶ And this is the confidence that we have in God, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hears us:

15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we also know that we have the petitions that we asked of him.

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask *God*, and he shall give him life *that is*, unto those that do not sin unto death. There is sin unto death, for which I do not say that you should pray.

17 All unrighteousness is sin, but there is a sin not unto death.

18 ¶ We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

19 *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in wickedness.

20 But we know that the Son of God is come and has given us understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

The Second Universal Epistle of
John

1 ¶ The elder unto the chosen lady and her sons, whom I love in the truth, and not I only, but also all those that have known the truth,

2 for the truth's sake, which abides in us and shall be with us for ever.

3 Grace be with you, mercy *and* peace, from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and charity.

4 I have rejoiced greatly, for I have found of thy sons that they walk in the truth, as we have received the commandment from the Father.

5 ¶ And now I beseech thee, lady, (not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning) that we love one another.

6 And this is charity, that we walk after his commandment. And this is the commandment, That ye walk in him, as ye have heard from the beginning.

7 ¶ For many deceivers are entered into the world, who do not confess Jesus Christ coming in flesh. This same is a deceiver and antichrist.

8 Look to yourselves, that we not lose those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a fulfilled reward.

9 Whosoever rebels and does not abide in the doctrine of the Christ, does not have God. He that abides in the doctrine of the Christ, the same has the Father and the Son.

10 ¶ If anyone comes unto you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into *your* house neither say unto him, Welcome:

11 For he that says unto him, Welcome, is partaker of his evil deeds.

12 ¶ Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write* with paper and ink, but I trust to come unto you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

13 The sons of thy chosen sister greet thee. Amen.

The Third Universal Epistle of
John

- 1 ¶ The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in *the* truth.
- 2 Beloved, I wish that thou be prospered in all things and be sound, even as thy soul prospers.
- 3 ¶ For I rejoiced greatly when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou dost walk in the truth.
- 4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my sons walk in the truth.
- 5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatever thou doest regarding the brethren and with the strangers,
- 6 who have borne witness of thy charity before the *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} whom if thou wilt help them as is convenient according to God, thou shalt do well;
- 7 because for his name's sake, they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.
- 8 We, therefore, ought to receive such, that we might be fellow workers to the truth.
- 9 ¶ I wrote unto the *congregation*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, did not receive us.
- 10 Therefore, if I come, I will cause his deeds to be understood, speaking against us with malicious words, and not content with this, he does not receive the brethren and forbids those that desire to receive them and casts *them* out of the *congregation*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}
- 11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that does good is of God, but he that does evil has not seen God.
- 12 ¶ Everyone gives testimony of Demetrius, even the truth itself; and we also bear witness, and ye have known that our witness is true.

13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee,

14 For I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace *be* to thee. *Our* friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

The Universal Epistle of
Jude

1 ¶ Jude, slave of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those that are called, sanctified in God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

2 Mercy and peace and charity be multiplied unto you.

3 ¶ Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly persevere in the faith which was given once unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares without fear or reverence of God, who from beforehand have been ordained unto this condemnation, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness and denying God who alone has dominion, and our Lord Jesus, the Christ.

5 I will, therefore, remind you, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those that did not believe.

6 And the angels who did not keep their first estate but left their own habitation, he has reserved in eternal chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication and going after strange flesh, were set forth for an example, having received the judgment of eternal fire.

8 ¶ In the same manner these deceived dreamers, defile their flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of higher powers.

9 Yet when Michael, the archangel, contended with the devil, disputing over the body of Moses, *he* dared not bring against him a curse of judgment, but said, The Lord reprehend thee.

10 But these speak evil of those things which they do not know; but what they know by nature as animals without reason, in those things they corrupt

themselves.

11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

12 These are spots in your banquets of charity, feeding themselves without any fear whatsoever: clouds without water, carried to and fro of the winds; trees withered as in fall, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

13 raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own abominations; erratic stars, to whom is reserved gross darkness eternally.

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints

15 ¶ to execute judgment upon all and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have unfaithfully committed and of all the hard words which the unfaithful sinners have spoken against him.

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own desires; and their mouth speaks arrogant things, admiring persons to take advantage.

17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

18 how that they told you, That in the last time there would be mockers, who would walk after their own ungodly desires.

19 These are those who make divisions, *and are as* animals, not having the Spirit.

20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves upon your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the charity of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, unto eternal life,

22 And receive some with mercy, discerning;

23 And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

24 Now unto him that is powerful to keep you without sin and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

25 to the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and in all the ages. Amen.

The
Revelation
of Jesus Christ

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Revelation 1

1 ¶ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his slaves things which are convenient to do quickly, and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his slave John,

2 who bore witness of the word of God and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 ¶ Blessed is he that reads and those that hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written therein, for the time *is* at hand.

4 John, to the seven *congregations* {Gr. *ekklesia* – called out ones} which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne

5 and from Jesus, the Christ, *who is* the faithful witness *and* the first begotten of the dead and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins with his own blood

6 and has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he comes with the clouds, and every eye shall see him and those *also* who pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail over him. Even so, Amen.

8 I AM the Alpha and the Omega, beginning and end, saith the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

9 ¶ I John, your brother and participant in the tribulation and in the kingdom and in the patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit in the day of the Lord and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet,

11 that said, I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, and What thou seest, write in a book and send *it* unto the seven *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} which are in Asia: unto Ephesus and unto Smyrna and unto Pergamos and unto Thyatira and unto Sardis and unto Philadelphia and unto Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden lampstands

13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girt about the breasts with a golden girdle.

14 His head and *his* hairs *were* white like white wool, as the snow, and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire

15 and his feet like unto brilliant metal as if they burned in a furnace and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars, and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and his countenance *was* as the sun when *it* shines in its strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I AM the first and the last,

18 and he that lives and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen, and have the keys of Hades and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen and the things which are and the things which must be after these.

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven *congregations*, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} and the seven lampstands which thou sawest are the seven *congregations*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

Revelation 2

1 ¶ Unto the angel of the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of Ephesus write; These things, saith he that holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

2 I know thy works and thy labour and thy patience and how thou canst not bear those who are evil; and thou hast tried those who say they are apostles and are not and hast found them liars,

3 and hast suffered, and doth suffer and for my name's sake hast laboured and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have against thee that thou hast left thy first *love*, charity.

5 Remember, therefore, from where thou art fallen and repent and do the first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly and will remove thy lampstand out of its place, except thou repent.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the *congregations*; {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} To him that overcomes I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

8 ¶ And unto the angel of the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of Smyrna write: These things, saith the first and the last, who was dead, and is alive:

9 I know thy works and tribulation and poverty, (but thou art rich), and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.

11 He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the *congregations*; {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} He that overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.

12 ¶ And to the angel of the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} in Pergamos write; These things, saith he, who has the sharp sword with two edges:

13 I know thy works and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's throne *is*, and thou holdest fast my name and hast not denied my faith, even in those days in which Antipas *was* my faithful witness, {or martyr} who was slain among you, where Satan dwellest.

14 But I have a few things against thee because thou hast there those that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols and to commit fornication.

15 So hast thou also those that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which I hate.

16 Repent, or else I will come unto thee quickly and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

17 He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the *congregations*; {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} To him that overcomes I will give to eat of the hidden manna and will give him a small white stone and in the stone a new name written, which no one knows except the one that receives *it*.

18 ¶ And unto the angel of the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} in Thyatira write; These things, saith the Son of God, who has his eyes like unto a flame of fire and his feet like unto brilliant metal:

19 I have known thy works and charity and service and faith and thy patience and thy works and the last *to be* more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel (who calls herself a prophetess) to teach and to seduce my slaves to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21 And I have given her time to repent of her fornication, and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed and those that commit adultery with her into great tribulation unless they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death, and all the *congregations* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} shall know that I AM he that searches the

kidneys and hearts, and I will give unto each one of you according to your works.

24 But unto you I say and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine and who have not known the depths of Satan (as they say); I will put upon you no other burden

25 But that which ye have *already* hold fast until I come.

26 And he that overcomes and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the Gentiles;

27 and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter they shall be broken to shivers, even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the *congregations*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

Revelation 3

1 ¶ And unto the angel of the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} in Sardis write; These things, saith he that has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest and art dead.

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 Remember, therefore, of that which thou hast received and heard and hold to it and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come to thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

4 Yet thou hast a few persons in Sardis who have not defiled their garments, and they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy.

5 He that overcomes shall likewise be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

6 He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the *congregations*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

7 ¶ And to the angel of the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} in Philadelphia write; These things, saith he that is Holy and True, he who has the key of David, who opens and no one shuts and shuts, and no one opens;

8 I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no one can shut it, for thou hast a little strength and hast kept my word and hast not denied my name.

9 Behold, I give of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but do lie; behold, I will constrain them to come and worship before thy feet and to know that I have loved thee.

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the entire world, to try those that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly; hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown.

12 He that overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out no more, and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God *which is* the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from *and* with my God, and *I will write upon him* my new name.

13 He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the *congregations*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

14 ¶ And unto the angel of the *congregation* {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} of the Laodiceans write; Behold, he who saith, Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold refined in the fire, that thou may be made rich; and clothed in white raiment, so that the shame of thy nakedness not be uncovered; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou may see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door and call; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and have sat down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the *congregations*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones}

Revelation 4

1 ¶ After these things I looked, and, behold, an open door in heaven, and the first voice which I heard, was like a trumpet that spoke with me, saying, Come up here, and I will show thee the things that need to be done after these.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit, and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and there was one seated upon the throne.

3 And he that was seated was like a jasper and a sardine stone to look upon; and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

4 And round about the throne *were* twenty-four thrones, and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices; and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal, and in the midst of the throne and round about the throne *were* four animals full of eyes in front and behind.

7 And the first animal *was* like a lion and the second animal like a calf, and the third animal had a face as a man, and the fourth animal *was* like a flying eagle.

8 ¶ And the four animals had each of them six wings about *him*, and *they were* full of eyes within, and they did not cease day or night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

9 And when those animals give glory and honour and praise to the one that is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever,

10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him that is seated on the throne and worship him that lives for ever and ever and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and virtue; for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they have their being and were created.

Revelation 5

1 ¶ And I saw in the right hand of him that was seated on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel preaching with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book and to loose its seals?

3 And no one was able not in the heaven nor in the earth neither under the earth to open the book neither to look upon it.

4 And I wept much because no one was found worthy to open the book nor to read it neither to look upon it.

5 And one of the elders said unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, who has overcome to open the book and to loose its seven seals.

6 ¶ And I saw, and, behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four animals and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that was seated upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four animals and the twenty-four elders fell *on their faces* before the Lamb, each one of them having harps, and golden vials full of incense, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book and to open its seals, for thou wast slain and hast redeemed us unto God by thy blood, out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation

10 and hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth.

11 And I beheld, and I heard *the* voice of many angels round about the throne and of the animals and of the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

12 saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to take power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing.

13 And I heard every creature which is in heaven and upon the earth and under the earth and such as are upon the sea and all that are in it, saying, Blessing and honour and glory and power, *be* unto him that is seated upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four animals said, Amen. And the twenty-four elders fell *on their faces* and worshipped him that lives for ever and ever.

Revelation 6

1 ¶ And I saw when the Lamb had opened the first seal, and I heard the first of the four animals, saying as with a voice of thunder, Come and see.

2 And I saw and, behold, a white horse; and he that was seated upon him had a bow, and a crown was given unto him, and he went forth victorious, that he might also overcome.

3 ¶ And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second animal, which said, Come and see.

4 And another horse went forth *that was* red, and unto him that was seated thereon was given power to take away the peace of the earth and that they should kill one another; and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third animal, which said, Come and see. And I saw and, behold, a black horse, and he that was seated upon him had a yoke in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four animals, which said, A choenix of wheat for a denarius and three choenix of barley for a denarius; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth animal, which said, Come and see.

8 And I looked and, behold, a green horse, and he that was seated upon him was named Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given unto him over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword and with hunger and with death and with the beasts of the earth.

9 ¶ And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those that had been slain because *of* the word of God and for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on those that dwell in the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto each one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little while until their fellow servants and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled.

12 And I saw when he had opened the sixth seal, and, behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 and the stars of heaven fell upon the earth, even as a fig tree casts her figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth and the princes and the rich and the captains and the strong and every slave and every free *man* hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains

16 and said to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of him that is seated upon the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb;

17 for the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand before him?

Revelation 7

1 ¶ And after these things I saw four angels standing upon the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth that no wind should blow upon the earth nor upon the sea nor upon any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God: and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the land and the sea,

3 saying, Hurt not the land neither the sea nor the trees until we have sealed the slaves of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of those that were sealed: *and there were* sealed a hundred *and* forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the sons of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Juda *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad *were* sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of Aser *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Naphtali *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses *were* sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar *were* sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of Zebulon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin *were* sealed twelve thousand.

9 After this I saw, and, behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues stood before the throne and before the Lamb clothed with long white robes and palms in their hands

10 and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation unto him who is seated upon the throne of our God and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne and *about* the elders and the four animals; and they fell upon their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

12 saying, Amen: The blessing and the glory and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honour and the power and the might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13 ¶ And one of the elders responded and asked me, Who are these who are arrayed in long white robes? and where did they come from?

14 And I said unto him, lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are those who came out of great tribulation and have washed their long robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple, and he that is seated on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun be thrust upon them nor any other heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall govern them and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Revelation 8

1 ¶ And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense of the prayers of all the saints, that he should offer upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense of the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel took the censer and filled it with fire of the altar and cast *it* into the earth; and there were voices and thunderings and lightnings and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound their trumpets.

7 ¶ The first angel sounded the trumpet, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the land; and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded the trumpet, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea; and the third part of the sea became blood;

9 and the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded the trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, burning as a lit torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers and upon the fountains of waters;

11 and the name of the star is called Wormwood; and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded the trumpet, and the third part of the sun was smitten and the third part of the moon and the third part of the stars, in

such a manner that the third part of them was darkened, and the third part of the day did not shine, and the night likewise.

13 And I saw and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, who are yet to sound *their* trumpets!

Revelation 9

1 ¶ And the fifth angel sounded the trumpet, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth; and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and there arose smoke out of the pit as *the* smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth neither any green thing neither any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God in their foreheads.

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should torment them five months; and their torment *was* as the torment of a scorpion when he strikes a man.

6 And in those days men shall seek death and shall not find it and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

7 And the appearance of the locusts *was* like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads *were* as it were crowns like gold, and their faces *were* as the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the teeth* of lions.

9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings *was* as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails; and their power *was* to hurt men five months.

11 And they had a king over them, *who is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon *meaning* destroyer.

12 The first woe is past; *and*, behold, there come two more woes after these things.

13 ¶ And the sixth angel sounded the trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before *the presence of* God,

14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Loose the four angels who are bound in the great river Euphrates.

15 And the four angels were loosed, who were prepared unto the hour and day and month and year, to slay the third part of men.

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred million: and I heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and those that sat on them, having breastplates of fire and of jacinth and brimstone; and the heads of the horses *were* as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

18 By these three *plagues* was the third part of men killed, by the fire and by the smoke and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails *were* like unto serpents that have heads, and with them they do hurt.

20 And the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons and the images of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which neither can see nor hear nor walk.

21 And they did not repent of their murders nor of their witchcraft nor of their fornication nor of their thefts.

Revelation 10

1 ¶ And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

2 And he had in his hand a little open book, and he set his right foot upon the sea and *his* left *foot* upon the land

3 And cried out with a loud voice as *when* a lion roars; and when he had cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write, and I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders have spoken and do not write them.

5 And the angel whom I saw standing upon the sea and upon the land lifted up his hand to heaven

6 and swore by him that lives for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth, and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer;

7 but in the day of the voice of the seventh angel when he shall begin to sound the trumpet, the mystery of God shall be finished, as he did evangelize unto his slaves the prophets.

8 ¶ And the voice which I heard from heaven spoke unto me again and said, Go *and* take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands upon the sea and upon the land.

9 And I went unto the angel and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take *it*, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

10 And I took the little book from the angel's hand and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again as to many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.

Revelation 11

1 ¶ And there was given me a reed like unto a rod, and *he* said unto me, Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those that worship therein.

2 But leave out the court which is within the temple and measure it not, for it is given unto the Gentiles, and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty-two months.

3 ¶ And I will give my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if anyone desires to hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and if anyone desires to hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut the heaven, that it not rain in the days of their prophecy and have power over the waters to turn them to blood and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them and shall overcome them and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the streets of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And those of the peoples and kindreds and tongues and Gentiles shall see their dead bodies three days and a half and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And those that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them and make merry and shall send gifts one to another because these two prophets tormented those that dwelt on the earth.

11 And after three days and a half, the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon those who saw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up here. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld

them.

13 And in the same hour there was a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain the names of seven thousand men; and the others were frightened and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 ¶ The second woe is past; *and*, behold, the third woe comes quickly.

15 And the seventh angel sounded the trumpet, and there were great voices in the heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are reduced unto our Lord and to his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the twenty-four elders, who sat before God on their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshipped God,

17 saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, who art and wast, and art to come because thou hast taken to thee thy great power and hast reigned.

18 And the Gentiles were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou should give the reward unto thy slaves the prophets and to the saints and those that fear thy name, to the small and to the great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of his testament was seen in his temple: and there were lightnings and voices and thunderings and earthquakes and great hail.

Revelation 12

1 ¶ And there appeared a great sign in the heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars;

2 and she being with child cried out, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another sign in the heaven; and, behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth; and the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered, to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all the Gentiles with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* sixty days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 and did not prevail; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, the serpent of old, who is called Devil and the Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation and virtue and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 ¶ Therefore, rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman who brought forth the man *child*.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of the great eagle that she might fly from the presence of the serpent into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times, and half a time.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a river after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the river.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon had cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 13

1 ¶ And I stood upon the sand of the sea and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon its horns ten crowns, and upon its heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and its feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and its mouth as the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority.

3 And I saw one of its heads as it were wounded to death; and its deadly wound was healed; and all the earth marveled, *and* followed the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which had given the authority unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast; saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with it?

5 And there was given unto it a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto it to continue forty *and* two months.

6 And it opened its mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle and those that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto it to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and power was given it over all kindreds and tongues and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship it, whose names are not written in the book of the life of the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 ¶ Then I beheld another beast coming up out of the land; and he had two horns like the Lamb, but he spoke as the dragon.

12 And he exercised all the power of the first beast in its presence and caused the earth and those that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he does great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven to the earth in the sight of men

14 and deceives those that dwell on the earth by those signs which were given unto him to do in the presence of the beast, commanding those that dwell on the earth to make an image of the beast, which has the wound by the sword, and did live.

15 And it was given unto him to endue the image of the beast with spirit, so that the image of the beast should speak, and he shall cause those that do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 And he caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slaves, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads;

17 and that no one might buy or sell, unless he has the mark or the name of the beast or the number of its name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for the number of man; and its number *is* six hundred sixty-six.

Revelation 14

1 ¶ And I saw and, behold, the Lamb stood upon Mount Sion and with him a hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having the name of his Father written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven as the voice of many waters and as the voice of a great thunder; and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps;

3 and they sang as it were a new song before the throne and before the four animals and the elders; and no one could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty-four thousand, who were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are those who are not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are those who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These are redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile, for they are without blemish before the throne of God.

6 ¶ And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the eternal gospel that he might evangelize those that dwell on the earth and every nation and kindred and tongue and people,

7 saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come; and worship him that has made the heaven and the earth and the sea and the fountains of waters.

8 And another angel followed, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has given all the Gentiles to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives *the* mark in his forehead or in his hand,

10 the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb;

11 and the smoke of their torment ascends up for ever and ever; and those that worship the beast and its image and whosoever receives the mark of its

name, have no rest day or night.

12 Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

13 ¶ And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

14 And I looked, and, behold, a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that was seated on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle and reap; for the hour is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is dry.

16 And he that was seated on the cloud thrust in his sickle upon the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in the heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth and cast *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

20 And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the bits of the horses, for a thousand six hundred furlongs.

Revelation 15

1 ¶ And I saw another sign in the heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is completed the wrath of God.

2 And I saw, as it were, a sea of glass mingled with fire and those that had gotten the victory over the beast and over its image and over its mark *and* over the number of its name stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses, the slave of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, *thou* King of saints.

4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and magnify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy; therefore, all the Gentiles shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

5 ¶ And after these things I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in the heaven was opened;

6 and the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

7 And one of the four animals gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever.

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the majesty of God and from his power; and no one was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Revelation 16

1 ¶ And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

2 And the first went and poured out his vial upon the earth; and an evil and grievous sore fell upon the men who had the mark of the beast and *upon* those who worshipped its image.

3 And the second angel poured out his vial into the sea; and it became blood as of a dead *man*, and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third angel poured out his vial into the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, who art and wast the Holy one because thou hast judged these things;

6 for they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they deserve *it*.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* thy judgments.

8 ¶ And the fourth angel poured out his vial against the sun; and it was given unto it to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, who has authority over these plagues; and they did not repent to give him glory.

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the throne of the beast; and its kingdom was filled with darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 and blasphemed the God of the heaven because of their pains and their sores and did not repent of their deeds.

12 ¶ And the sixth angel poured out his vial into the great river Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way of the kings from the rising of the sun might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are spirits of demons, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watches and keeps his garments lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into the place which in Hebrew is called, Armageddon.

17 ¶ And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of the heaven from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 Then there were voices and thunders and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as *has* never been since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the Gentiles fell; and Babylon the great came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Revelation 17

1 ¶ And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven vials and talked with me, saying unto me, Come here; I will show unto thee the condemnation of the great whore that sits upon many waters,

2 with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman seated upon a scarlet-coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and of *the* filthiness of her fornication;

5 and upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus; and when I saw her, I marvelled with great surprise.

7 ¶ And the angel said unto me, Why didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and ten horns.

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not, and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and shall go into perdition; and those that dwell on the earth shall wonder (whose names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world) when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here *is* the meaning which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits.

10 And *they* are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he comes, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, is also the eighth *king*, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition.

12 And the ten horns which thou hast seen are ten kings, which have not yet taken a kingdom, but shall take authority as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind and shall give their power and authority unto the beast.

14 ¶ These shall make war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them; for he is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those that are with him *are* called and chosen and faithful.

15 And he said unto me, The waters which thou hast seen, where the whore sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which thou didst see upon the beast, these shall hate the whore and shall make her desolate and naked and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

17 For God has put in their hearts to fulfil his will and to agree and give their kingdom unto the beast until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou hast seen is that great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 18

1 ¶ And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of demons, and the hold of every unclean spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all the Gentiles have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the power of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from the heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye not be partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5 For her sins have reached unto the heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you and pay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has given thee to drink, give her double.

7 As much as she has glorified herself and lived deliciously, give her that much torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8 Therefore, shall her plagues come in one day, death and mourning and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong *is* the Lord God who judges her.

9 ¶ And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her and lament for her when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city; for in one hour is thy judgment come!

11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

12 The merchandise of gold and of silver and of precious stones and of pearls and of fine linen and of purple and of silk and of scarlet and of all

thyine wood and of all manner vessels of ivory and of all manner vessels of most precious wood and of brass and of iron and of marble

13 and cinnamon and odours and ointments and frankincense and wine and oil and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and of sheep, and of horses, and of chariots and of bodies and souls of men.

14 And the fruits of the desire of thy soul are departed from thee, and all the fat and excellent things are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

15 The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 and saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls!

17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster and all the company in ships and sailors and as many as trade by sea stood afar off

18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What *city* was like unto this great city!

19 And they cast dust on their heads and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, in which all that had ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her riches! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20 Rejoice over her, *thou* heaven, and *ye* saints, apostles, and prophets; for God has judged your cause upon her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and cast *it* into the sea, saying, Thus with impetus shall that great city Babylon be thrown down and shall be found no more at all.

22 And the voice of harpers and musicians and of pipers and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatever craft *he* is, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

23 and the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the princes of the earth in whose witchcraft all the Gentiles have erred.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all that were slain upon the earth.

Revelation 19

1 ¶ And after these things I heard a great voice of a great company in the heaven, saying, Halelu-JAH; Salvation and glory and honour and power unto the Lord our God;

2 for true and righteous *are* his judgments; for he has judged the great whore, who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and has avenged the blood of his slaves at her hand.

3 And again they said, Halelu-JAH. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

4 And the twenty-four elders and the four animals fell *upon their faces* and worshipped God that was seated upon the throne, saying, Amen! Halelu-JAH!

5 ¶ And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his slaves and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great company and as the voice of many waters and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Halelu-JAH; for the Lord God almighty reigns.

7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give glory to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his bride has made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.

9 And he said unto me, Write, Blessed are those who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said unto me, These are the true words of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant and with thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus; worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

11 ¶ And I saw the heaven open, and behold a white horse; and he that was seated upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

12 And his eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no one has known, but he himself.

13 And he *was* clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies that are in the heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the Gentiles; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he has on *his* garment and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that flew in the midst of the heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God,

18 that ye may eat flesh of kings and flesh of captains, and flesh of mighty men and flesh of horses and of those that sit on them and the flesh of everyone, free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against him that was seated upon the horse and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken and with it the false prophet that wrought miracles in its presence, with which he had deceived those that had taken the mark of the beast and had worshipped its image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the others were slain with the sword that proceeded out of the mouth of him that was seated upon the horse; and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 20

1 ¶ And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, the serpent of old, which is the devil and Satan and bound him a thousand years

3 and cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and set a seal upon it, that he should deceive the Gentiles no more, until the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after it is necessary that he be loosed a little while.

4 And I saw thrones, and those who sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and *I* saw the souls of those that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God and who had not worshipped the beast neither its image neither had received *its* mark upon their foreheads or in their hands; and they shall live and reign with Christ the thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy *is* he that has part in the first resurrection; on such the second death has no authority, but they shall be priests of God and of the Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison

8 and shall go out to deceive the Gentiles which are upon the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle; the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth and compassed the camp of the saints about and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11 ¶ And I saw a great white throne and him that was seated upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and their place was not found.

12 And I saw the dead, great and small, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened; which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged by those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and Hades delivered up the dead which were in them; and the judgment of each one was according to their works.

14 And Hades and death were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21

1 ¶ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I, John, saw the holy city, *the* new Jerusalem, coming down out of the heaven, prepared of God as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them *and be* their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and death shall be no more neither shall there be any more sorrow nor crying nor pain; for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that was seated upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are faithful and true.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is thirsty of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 But the fearful and unbelieving and the abominable and murderers and fornicators and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

9 ¶ And there came unto me one of the seven angels who had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues and talked with me, saying, Come here, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in *the* spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of the heaven from *and* with God,

11 having the clarity of God; and her light *was* like unto a most precious stone, even like a jasper stone, shining like crystal.

12 And it had a wall great and high, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written *thereon*, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel:

13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city and its gates and its wall.

16 And the city lies foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth; and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs; and the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

17 And he measured its wall, a hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according to* the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 And the material of its wall was jasper; but the city was of pure gold, like unto clean glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation *was* jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprasus; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates are twelve pearls; in each one, one; each gate was of one pearl; and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as shining glass.

22 And I saw no temple in her; for the Lord God Almighty is her temple, and the Lamb.

23 And the city had no need of the sun neither of the moon to shine in her, for the clarity of God has illuminated it, and the Lamb *is* its lamp.

24 And the Gentiles that have been saved shall walk in the light of her; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory and honour into her.

25 And her gates shall never be shut by day; for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and the honour of the Gentiles into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean or that works abomination or *makes* a lie, but *only* those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22

1 ¶ And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of her plaza and on either side of the river *was the* tree of life, which brings forth twelve *manner of* fruits, yielding her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree *are* for the healing of the Gentiles.

3 And there shall no longer be any cursed thing; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in her; and his slaves shall serve him;

4 and they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no lamp neither light of the sun; for the Lord God shall give them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever.

6 ¶ And he said unto me, These words *are* faithful and true; and the Lord God of the holy prophets has sent his angel to show unto his slaves the things which are necessary that they be done quickly.

7 Behold, I come quickly; blessed *is* he that keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

8 And I, John, saw these things and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

9 Then he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellowslave and with thy brethren the prophets and with those who keep the words of this book: worship God.

10 And he said unto me, do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be justified still; and let the saint be sanctified still.

12 And, behold, I come quickly, and my reward *is* with me, to give each one according as his work shall be.

13 I AM the Alpha and the Omega, beginning and end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed *are* those who do his commandments that their power *and authority* might be in the tree of life and they may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 But outside *are* the dogs and the sorcerers and the fornicators and the murderers and the idolaters and whosoever loves and makes a lie.

16 I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify unto you these things in the *congregations*. {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} I AM the root and the offspring of David *and* the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that hears say, Come. And let him that is thirsty come; and whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

18 For I testify unto everyone that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If anyone shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book;

19 and if anyone shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city and *from* the things which are written in this book.

20 ¶ He who testifies these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.



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